

I was taken from my birth mother in 1948 and adopted out. I did get to meet her when I was in my early 40s and she was very reserved and cautious. She said she was only 16 years of age and sent to Ngala where she was treated badly. I brought up painful memories. She said when I was born she wasn't even allowed to hold me. She had eventually married and had 2 daughters and 2 sons whom she didn't want to know about me. She said they would judge her and she didn't want the pain of it all.

She did write me a few guarded letters and then she broke contact. I don't know if she is still alive but I would like to find out and try and find my half siblings. I want them to know about me. We carry the same genes. It was sad that she was banished to Ngala by her family, treated badly there and filled with so much shame that she was afraid to get to know me or share me with her family. I wanted her to meet my daughters but she was too traumatised and withdrew. I'm now 75 and still hurting by it all and want to know my history. I was one of the lucky ones who was adopted into a family who loved me and I had a good life with them but this adoption and past unknown history is always lingering. I hope this bill is passed and I can find my answers before my life ends. I now have daughters and grandchildren who also want to know their family history.