



Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs

Inquiry into past forced adoptive policies and practices

Getting started on your submission

We understand that writing a submission to a Parliamentary inquiry can be daunting, especially if it is about something as deeply personal as forced adoption.

Sometimes it is easier to have some questions or topic headings as a starting point to drafting your submission. The following questions provide some examples of the type of information you could include in your submission (but are under no obligation to do so).

In what capacity were you affected by forced adoptions practices?

- For example, as an adoptee, a mother or father, a grandparent or adoptive parent?

When and where did the adoption occur?

- You can provide specific information or a general indication such as 'the late 1970's in regional WA'.

In what way was the adoption forced?

- Was there parental pressure? Pressure or coercion from an institution or church? A lack of options and support provided to prospective mothers?
- A description of your experience.

What effect did the experience have on you?

- How did it affect you at the time and what have been the lasting impacts?
- Have you sought support or help?

What do you hope this inquiry will achieve?

Please contact Kristina Crichton on 08 9222 7231 or env@parliament.wa.gov.au if you are having difficulties making your submission or have any questions.

If you need any help:	
Relationships WA	1300 364 277
Association representing mothers separated from children by adoption (ARMS)	0468 444 995
Adoption Research and Counselling Service Inc (arcs)	(08) 9370 4914
Adoption Jigsaw	9328 4000
Mental health emergency services	1300 555 788 (Metro) / 1800 676 822 (Peel) / 1800 552 002 (Rurallink)
Lifeline	13 11 14
Beyond Blue	1300 22 4636
Here for you	1800 437 348