



Environment and Public Affairs Committee

Inquiry into past forced adoptive policies and practices

Making a submission

The Committee is aware that people affected by past forced adoptive policies and practices may find it difficult to make a written submission to the inquiry by the due date of Friday, 16 June 2023. We understand that it can be very hard to write or speak about a traumatic experience.

However, your experience matters and is important to our work. We want to make sure that as many people as possible have the opportunity to make a submission to the inquiry if they want to.

The sooner you can provide your submission, the more we can use it to inform our work. But the Committee will be considering late submissions. If you want to make a submission and cannot meet the submission deadline, please contact the staff of the inquiry using the contact details below.

We can also accept video or audio submissions if you find it hard to write about your experience. To do this:

- Make a video or audio recording on your phone
- Upload it to your choice of file sharing service (e.g. Dropbox; Google Drive)
- Email the link to env@parliament.wa.gov.au, with your name and phone number.

We can also accept video or audio submissions on a USB. To do this save your video or audio recording to a USB and send it to:

Environment and Public Affairs Committee
Parliament House
4 Harvest Terrace
West Perth WA 6005

If you have already written to your Member of Parliament or a Minister about this issue, please feel free to send us a copy of that letter as your submission.

We understand the sensitivity of your experiences and we won't publish or report on your evidence without your consent. We will provide on-site counselling support to people who are invited to speak with the committee personally.

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