

## **INQUIRY INTO ADEQUACY AND SCOPE OF SPECIAL CARE OFFENCES**

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To: The Committee of Inquiry into Special Care Offences  
Parliament House  
Sydney

From: Ms Robin Turner

Dear Committee Members,

I write to you today as a mother of past 'forced adoption' policy and practice, and a current sitting member of the Federally funded Forced Adoption Support Service (FASS) stakeholder consultative group in NSW.

Having read your Media Release dated 24th April 2018 I feel that I need to point out to you that there is one issue in adoptive relationships that is not being addressed by this inquiry and unfortunately it comes in several forms.

This is the issue of blood relations inadvertently having sexual relations, or indeed marrying, without the knowledge of their biological connection due to closed adoptions and donor conception via IVF, and of course surrogacy.

I am personally appalled that the NSW government has involved themselves with organisations who are determined to make an industry of using children to be traded for money.

Internationally the movement of children is a multi billion dollar industry, to fulfill the wants of adults, which leaves an innocent child the responsibility of fulfilling the dreams of adults and when the child fails they are re-homed via Internet sites such as Craig's List.

In NSW they are returned to the department responsible for their placement.

At no time has the NSW government given the public the numbers of children returned to them. I know it happened in the past and it will happen again in the future.

I apologise for going so far off topic but these issues also need addressing, and I have the flu and my brain is not working well.

Thank you for your time,  
Robin Turner