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**Subject:** New Submission to Inquiry into responses to historical forced adoptions in Victoria  
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adopted person

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### **SUBMISSION CONTENT:**

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I am a 51 year old adopted woman in Queensland. My mother and father were residents of the state of Victoria so further to my phone conversation with Yuki Simmonds in January 2020 I am making a submission to the state of Victoria addressing the enquiry into responses to historical forced adoptions in Victoria. My mother was a state ward of Victoria her entire childhood raised by the Roman Catholics. She was forced to relinquish her eldest daughter (my older sister who is now 57 years old) who was also a ward of the state of Victoria for 2 1/2 years until my sister was legally adopted then relocated to Netherlands without my sister's consent. After a lifelong search for our mother by my sister and myself we have been unable to locate her. I have contacted Roman Catholic MacKillop Family Services to attempt to locate her but they refuse to assist me although I believe they know her location. Since the Committee chairperson Natalie Suleyman has stated "this enquiry will explore the support services and responses provided to the people in our community who endured the past practice of forced adoption going back several decades" I am sending a request on behalf of my sister who was removed from the state of Victoria and now resides in Netherlands that the state of Victoria provides her with flight and accommodation expenses so she can return to Australia in 2020 for us to meet each other for the first time in our lives. I request a written acknowledgment by email that the Committee has received this submission and if I do not receive this I will take matters further. Date of submission 19 January 2020

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