Birth Certificate (copy attached)

When the Salvation Army Sister came to me for information
to fill in ███████ birth certificate, I started out by
giving ████████ fathers name. I was promptly told that
his name was not allowed to be on it, nor his address. I
was angry so when she asked me where I was born I gave
instead ████████ father's birthplace, which was
Triabunna in Tasmania. I signed the form such as it was.
I had no copy of it. I believe copies were posted out to
people but mine would have gone to the Haven as it was
the only address written on it. Years later, when I was
able to get a copy of the original I found that it had
been altered from Triabunna to Hobart, of course after I
had signed it and without my initials on the alteration.

Around 1996 I wrote to the County Court in Melbourne and
asked for a form to overturn ████████ adoption because
I believed it was an illegal one. Eventually, after many
phone calls and being told by a staff member (████
████), that I was "opening a can of worms" and I should
go away and leave it alone, a form was posted to me in
1997. I hadn't lodged the form but I received a letter
from my daughter to say that the County Court had written
to her saying I intended to overturn her adoption and she
didn't approve of it and had engaged a solicitor. I had
planned to write to her myself and explain before I
lodged the form but wasn't given the chance. (Copies of
letters from the County Court attached).

My daughter is now named ████. She made contact with me
in 1989. She feels she was re ected by me when she was
two days old. She initially wrote to me to get
information re health issues, family etc. We have never
met, she is happy to write to me but doesn't want to meet
me. I have given her the circumstances re the adoption
etc but the papers that I received were distressing for
me to read so I do have some understanding of how adopted
people must feel and think when they read these papers,
(especially form 5).

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