



ADDENDUM: CLARIFICATION AND CORRECTION

This Addendum sets out a clarification and correction to the VANISH Submission of 20 June 2020 to the Parliamentary Inquiry into Responses to Historical Forced Adoptions in Victoria.

On page 18 in section 4.1. Terminology for People Affected VANISH refers to:

Adopted person or adoptee refers to an individual who was legally adopted as a baby or child and who is now an adult.

This definition is now corrected to read:

Adopted person or adoptee refers to an individual who was legally or informally adopted as a baby or child and who is now an adult.

The addition of the words “or informally” recognises that the long term impacts on babies and children removed from their mothers and families for adoption are the same regardless of whether they were then formally or informally adopted. It also recognises that adults who are/were informally adopted are as likely to be victims and survivors of historical forced adoption practices as those who are/were formally adopted.

VANISH apologises to any individuals who felt excluded by the wording of this section.

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