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It is 2020, 50yrs since I was incarcerated in a Religious unmarried mothers home in Western Australia.

Although this is the Victorian submission, this Brutal practice was happening across Australia to thousands of Young Women.

I have finally emerged from this brutal experience, but my Daughter still struggles with the consequences of being ripped from her Mother and placed into a foreign/alien environment.

Fortunately, I "found" and was reunited with her 32yrs ago when she was nearly 18, I now wonder what might have been her plight if this had NOT happened.

My active involvement in lobbying & overturning closed Adoption records & my contact with other Mothers, has maintained my sanity !

Such was the Brainwashing and total Shame & Blame for being pregnant "out of wedlock" that I shut down ! and it wasn't until the birth of my 3rd daughter and a nervous breakdown that the breakthrough came !

I searched relentlessly, although I had "no rights" (not even to her original birth certificate) through a series of events - Perth was a small place back then, I found her, and I will be eternally grateful for those people that helped me ! It saved my Life.

So what would I say now about this Hideous experience.

1) It was a Criminal act against me and my Daughter, and those that aided and abetted this should be made accountable & the organisations involved should be Accountable to.

2) The fact that even in today's society, I deal with the minimalization of this with comments such as "Oh well that's how it was in those days" or being referred to in a clinical manner as a "Birthmother".all language used to invalidate me as inconsequential to my Life & my Daughter's

3) To this day I deal with post traumatic stress, having to go for a doctors appointment creates Anxiety, the thought of Ever being institutionalised in my later years to too much to contemplate !

4) I have fortunately ended up in a reasonable financial position, but I feel strongly that all Mothers, who request it should be entitled to some form of Health care card after 65yrs of age.

Ofcourse we have received Apologies State & Commonwealth, The Victorian Nurses Association, A few of the Churches, but Ofcourse the Medical Profession that allowed this

brutality in their hospitals & medical facilities, belligerently ignore the long term consequences for both Mother & Child finally need to take Responsibility for the consequences of their deliberate actions in separating Mother & Child.
in my experience it was Catholic Doctor, catholic Hospital, Catholic Solicitors & catholic Adoptive parents, my daughter's Adoptive mother, had given birth to a stillborn 4th child in Feb 1970 & "received" my daughter in the July of 1970 ?
On closing there is so much more I could have documented, I thank God that finally this barbaric practice i
has almost ended, and finally I can see that the moment I was "locked up" I was stripped of my Rights to be a Mother to my Daughter.
I now refer to it as the Shame, Blame & Claim game ! so, if you can make a young pregnant woman feel utterly condemned by everyone, (including her parents) she is fair game for those involved in this Predatory social experiment !
I rest my case.

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