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To whom it concerns

As an intercountry adoptee, I want to know why intercountry adoptees who have been adopted under Victorian legislation have not been included or allowed to be part of the Forced Adoption Apology and its subsequent services and supports? As intercountry adoptees, we seem to be excluded from the community consultations like this for local adoption policy and legislation yet we are directly impacted by it as our adoptions are under local legislation, but yet we have little rights to participate and be included.

I would love to see this addressed in the future. Our adoptions are as "forced" as the Victoria local adoptions. We never had a say as adoptees and often our families of loss had little to no choice either. The services available to local adoptees should be broadened to include intercountry adoptees who are adopted under your State legislation. I am one of these!

Many thanks
Regards
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