

A sample of emails sent to Furness and politicians to stop the celebration of adoption of Mother's Day. Furness response shows a complete lack of understanding of the cruel and barbaric practices used to forcibly take nearly a quarter of million newborns – both white and black in Australia:

Hi all,

Meg said it was okay for me to forward on Deborra-lee Furness's response to her objection about celebrating adoption for the whole week after Mother's Day

regards
Chris

On 28/4/08 10:00 PM, "Meg Lewis" <megumi_1956@hotmail.com> wrote:

Dear Ms Furness

I am writing to you to raise my concerns regarding your proposal to establish a National Adoption Awareness Week, beginning with Mothers Day, to occur annually from next year as reported in the Sunday Mail 27/4/08.

Mothers Day is a notoriously difficult time for mothers who have lost children to adoption. It is estimated that there have been 200,000 domestic adoptions in Australia which means that a large number of women are affected at this time. The secrecy and shame surrounding past adoptions has resulted in many mothers experiencing disenfranchised grief which unlike other forms of grief does not diminish over time but rather worsens. A National Adoption Awareness Week coinciding with Mothers Day will quite simply compound the grief and trauma experienced by many women.

I urge you to reconsider your proposal to establish a National Adoption Awareness Week initiative which will significantly increase the trauma suffered by natural mothers around Mothers Day.

Meg Lewis

Date: Tue, 29 Apr 2008 13:40:24 +1000
Subject: Re: Proposed National Adoption Awareness Week
From: orphansinoz@gmail.com
To: megumi_1956@hotmail.com

Dear ms. Lewis

I have heard your views and have compassion for your great loss. Again I will reiterate that adoption is not the answer, that it would be a much better world if there were no children to be adopted. Unfortunately the world we live in has created the GREAT NEED for families to take over the care, responsibility and guidance for a child that has been abandoned. As you mentioned there were 200,000 domestic adoptions. There was obviously a need to hand over care for these children, there was a relinquishing of responsibility over these childrens lives for whatever circumstances. What was to become of these kids if there was no one there to catch them. It was

obviously by choice from the birth parents that the children were placed for adoption.

I have been more concentrated on Inter COUNTRY adoption, whereby the circumstances are more clear ... There are newborn babies being left by the roadside in china, (due to the one child policy) there are 2 year olds wondering the streets of africa with no one to look after them, there are children that have been orphaned due to aids and war ... Children are being sold into slavery, young girls are thrown into the sex trade.

How can you possibly imagine that the alternative of finding parents who want to give these kids, love, food, shelter and emotional support is not a better choice.

I think you do a great injustice for children in need by continuing your negativity surrounding adoption. If you could bring yourself to stand out of your point of view and see someone elses I think you would find it liberating.

Orphan Angels was formed to care for abandoned children and our work is to create a pro-adoption community so that people can understand that we wish to celebrate their lives.

We have chosen to release white balloons to honour the birth families that for whatever reason had to let their children find another path, and to give gratitude for the kids that found their way home.

Sincerely

Deborra-lee