

Finally WA interviews Mothers: Dramatic outcome

Apology Alliance: Ch. 7

14/6/2009

----- Original Message -----

From: "Christine Cole" <C.Cole@uws.edu.au>

To: <undisclosed-recipients:>

Sent: Sunday, June 14, 2009 3:28 PM

Subject: Apology Alliance: Ch. 7 News: Call for National Inquiry and Apology

Hi Everyone,

6 pm News Ch. 7 (all States except WA) features the Apology Alliance calling for a National Inquiry and an apology to the White stolen generation

kind regards

Chris

Evelyn to Chris – 14/6/2009

Just watched Channel 7 news and delighted to hear Federal Minister, Jenny Macklin say that the government might be interested in a national enquiry into past adoption practices. You have done such a great job and have never given up. Congratulations.

Evelyn

Hannah to Chris

15/6/2009

Hi Chris,

Just to let you know that Susie O'Brien from the Melbourne herald-Sun has contacted VANISH and I spoke to her short time ago. Susie is intending to do a 'feature' using the QLD apology as the basis of the story.

I stated that we supported a national inquiry, an apology and pointed out that Victoria was the only state that didn't provide counselling for those with an adoption experience.

The whole issue has gathered at an amazing pace. Congratulations to you and all concerned for taking the lead role and for articulating the issues as you have. Lets hope the Inquiry and Apology aren't too far away.

Kind regards

Hannah

15/6/2009

From: Christine Cole [<mailto:C.Cole@uws.edu.au>]

Sent: Friday, 19 June 2009 12:43 PM

To: Ann Allpike

Subject: RE: thanks

HI Ann,

Has WA had any publicity or assistance from Ch 7?

kind regards
Chris

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Hi Ann,

the reason I was asking was that if there were mothers that wanted to speak out I could ask the NSW Ch 7 reporter if a colleague in WA wanted to do a story.

kind regards
Chris

Hi Chris
Have you been in touch with the ARMs people WA?
Ann

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From: Christine Cole [<mailto:C.Cole@uws.edu.au>]
Sent: Friday, 19 June 2009 1:26 PM
To: Ann Allpike
Subject: RE: thanks

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From: Ann Allpike [<mailto:ann@jigsaw.org.au>]
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2009 2:50 PM
To: Christine Cole
Subject: thanks

Hi Chris

Not that I'm aware of although I was contacted by someone in Vic. No one has mentioned anything to me. I'll be meeting socially with a group of mums tomorrow for breakfast so I'll ask if anyone has heard or seen anything.

Cheers
Ann

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Following emails between Ch. 7 (Sarah) about lack of publicity re the Queensland apology in WA

From: Christine Cole [<mailto:C.Cole@uws.edu.au>]
Sent: Tuesday, 23 June 2009 10:15 AM

To: Cumming, Sarah
Subject: RE:

Hi Sarah,

Nothing has been done in WA - don' know if you have colleague in that state that might be interested. I have contacts with the various groups. The mother who convenes the group for instance lost her baby in NSW. Many women were sent interstate by parents and hid in mother and baby homes. Not allowed visitors and utterly alone. This is an overview of one mother who saw her local member in WA:

"Presented him with victim impact statement re my experience in Perth at Devonleigh hospital Cottesloe. He was very compassionate, even cried with me, and wants to hear from other mums who gave birth to our babies in W.A.. to see if experiences similar. A thumbnail of what happened to me baby taken at birth, face covered, isolated, no visitors, little recall, very drugged, file marked adoption, no one asked me if baby was for adoption. I was just sixteen and when awoke after labour asked where baby was and told baby gone. This was arranged between my parents, gp and hospital and had no knowledge.

So young thought they could do that and so drugged, treated like a piece of garbage. Deeply traumatised and signed consent when told baby was to go to foster home from hospital. Thought she had already gone and was so upset that I had left her there and now she was to go to an orphanage which is what I thought a foster home was. My gp did not deliver baby, lots of young doctors felt nothing and was asleep through nearly all the time when in labour in hospital. Only came to for her to be delivered then comatose again. If you could give me your story to show him or a phone number that he could reach you on. It is David Templeman member for Peel, Was minister for community services previous government. Wants to speak to WA mums. Gave my statement to opposition spokesman relevant portfolio. Would like to make a statement in parliament but not with out talking to WA mums first to get wording right. Would like at least matter to go before a standing committee."

kind regards
Chris Cole

Christine A. Cole BSc.(Psy) Soc Hon LLB GDL

From: Cumming, Sarah [mailto:SCumming@seven.com.au]
Sent: Tue 23/06/2009 3:54 PM
To: Christine Cole
Subject: RE:

Hi Christine,
I will pass this on to the chief of staff in our Perth newsroom.
And hopefully we can get a response from Linda Burney's office.. soon..
Cheers
Sarah

Sarah Cumming

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Evelyn sent to Chris July 10 2009
Ch. 7 interview in WA evokes apology

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From: [Sue Macdonald](#)

To: [evelyn](#) ; [barbara adoption alliance vic](#) ;

Cc: [Judi Hendriks](#) ; [carmel](#)

Sent: Friday, July 10, 2009 9:09 PM

Subject: News bulletin channel seven perth tonight

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