

Forced Adoption Policy - Compensation for Victims

Dr WOODRUFF question to PREMIER

I have a question for the Premier on behalf of a number of women constituents who were victims of the forced adoption of their babies in Tasmania. Tomorrow is the 12-year anniversary of this Parliament's apology for this appalling practice, which continued until 1980. However, despite past promises, nothing has been done to provide compensation for those who suffered lifelong trauma from the grief of having their babies stolen, and from the cruel and dehumanising treatment they received during birth.

In a remarkable show of strength, the women affected are making a renewed push for compensation. They have a simple request; that the government will not raise a statute of limitations defence in response to compensation claims. Will you please accept this request and allow these compensation claims to proceed?