



**St Ninian's Uniting Church Social Action Group**

invites you to a

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

# **Forced Adoptions**

# **Do public apologies help?**

at

St Ninian's Uniting Church  
Cnr Mouat and Brigalow Streets, LYNEHAM

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2012**  
**7.30 pm**

### **SPEAKERS:**

**Ms Meredith Hunter**, MLA, ACT Legislative Assembly

**Ms Jane Allen**, mother who had her son forcibly removed

**Mr Thomas Graham**, Adoptee and Editor, Australian Journal on Adoption

Between the 1940s and 1980s over 200,000 babies were adopted in Australia. During this period thousands of mothers were forced to give up their babies against their will. While we cannot change the past or the social attitudes of the time we can certainly remove the veil of secrecy surrounding past practices and be made aware that all adoption is about loss and separation and no one emerges from the experience unscathed. The recent ACT Government apology to those affected is a significant step in raising public awareness about past practice, offers support to those affected and stresses that past mistakes not be repeated.

**COME ALONG AND PARTICIPATE IN THIS THOUGHT PROVOKING EVENING**  
Join us for refreshments and informal discussion following the forum

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