

Alliance for Forgotten Australians



*Lifetime impacts of children's experience of trauma in
'care' – Forgotten Australians' struggle for identity and
wellbeing*

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Committed to an Institution



NSW Children's Court file stamp 'committed to an Institution.'



Who are the Forgotten Australians?

Forgotten Australians and British Child Migrants: in brief



Impoverished childhood

Sign found in many institutions across Australia



Overview: impacts of 'care' experiences

Loss of identity

Poor self esteem

Little or no schooling

Difficulties with personal relationships

Poor health and wellbeing

Complex trauma and mental illness

Risk taking behaviours

High risk of homelessness

Early onset ageing

Royal Commission

Yet another Inquiry

What benefit will it bring for Forgotten Australians

Terms of reference limitations

Fear

Re-traumatisation

Hope that it will make things better for young people

Will it provide justice

Any nation that does not care for and protect all of its children does not deserve to be called a nation

Nelson Mandela

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