



Applying to adopt a child: *What was it like for you?*

Researchers from the University of Melbourne (Dr Giuliana Fuscaldo and Dr Sarah Russell) would like to talk with people who have applied to adopt a child through either a local or inter-country adoption service. We would like to hear about your experiences of the assessment process – *whatever the outcome*.

We would like to interview people, either in person or over the telephone. You will be asked to reflect on both positive and negative aspects of the adoption process. For example:

- Did it help you?
- Could things be done differently?
- Is the process too hard?
- Were there aspects that you think were unnecessarily intrusive?
- Should more people be allowed to adopt?

We understand that applying to adopt a child can be difficult and frustrating and that some people who would like to adopt can not do so in Victoria. There is currently much debate about who should be eligible to adopt. Our aim is broaden this debate by hearing what you have to say.

The interviews will take approximately 45 minutes. They will be held at a mutually convenient time and place. Researchers will keep your name confidential and no identifying information about you will be used. Please be advised that the researchers have no affiliation with any adoption or government agency.

If you would like to take part in this project, please contact Giuliana or Sarah by phone, SMS or email. We will then send you a detailed description of the project.

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