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Mr N Laurie  
The Clerk of the Parliament  
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Parliament House  
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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter dated 28 April 2009 regarding the Parliament of Queensland E-Petition Number 1185-08. I note the E-Petition sought the implementation of adoption legislation in Parliament as a matter of urgency, based on the findings of the Adoption Consultation Feedback Report, to reflect the importance of basic birth rights of adoptees.

I am pleased to advise that on 22 April 2009, I re-introduced the Adoption Bill 2009 into Parliament. As you know, although the Bill was previously introduced to Parliament in February this year, it lapsed when the recent state election was called and the 52<sup>nd</sup> Parliament was dissolved. Therefore, the Bill had to be re-introduced by the incoming Government for the proposed adoption law reform process to continue. Queensland's adoption laws are over 40 years old and the reintroduction and passage of the Bill will bring the long-awaited reform process to a conclusion.

The Bill's proposed reforms remain unchanged from those presented by the Bligh Government earlier in the year. These reforms reflect the results of previous community consultation, including the findings of the Adoption Consultation Feedback Report, and provide a sound framework to support the delivery of contemporary best practice in adoption.

I anticipate that the Bill will be passed in 2009 and all of its reforms will be in place by early 2010.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

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