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Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence

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Mr Neil Laurie
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Dear Mr Laurie 

I refer to Petition 3058-18 tabled in the Legislative Assembly on 11 June 2019, regarding a request to make adult adoption legal in Queensland as it is in other States.

The Queensland Government is committed to ensuring that adoption legislation in Queensland prioritises the safety, wellbeing and provision of permanency for Queensland children and families.

The *Adoption Act 2009* (Qld) was reviewed in 2016 at which time comprehensive public consultation was undertaken. As a result, important changes were made to the Act that strengthened Queensland's adoption practices and ensured that the needs of children requiring adoption will continue to be met.

The Act specifically provides that a review is to commence as soon as practicable from 2021. The Queensland Government is committed to looking at the issue of adult adoption as part of this review process.

If you require any further information or assistance in relation to this matter, please contact Ms Claire Hurst, Director, Legal Policy and Legislation, Department of Child Safety, Youth and Women on 3097 7260.

Yours sincerely



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