

Community Support and Services Committee

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To:
Committee Secretary
Community support and Services Committee, Parliament house George Street Brisbane Qld 4000

I submit that Adoption should not be moved from the 4th and last option, to the 3rd option of the departments list of options for children in care. It must remain the last option.

I am an adoptee, previously affected by Qld Adoption and Children in Care laws. I have recently discharged my adoption on mental health grounds. Meaning, my mental health has been affected because of my adoption, in 1964.

The people making these laws need to do more studies on adoptees, such as have been done by Nancy Newton Verrier in her book The Primal Wound. Only then can the understand the profound affect their decisions have against those adoptees to which they owe a significant duty of care (even under current laws). If this duty of care is the foremost consideration, then adoption should never be considered at all, due to the negative developmental affects it has on children receiving substitute mothers. These issues control the child all its life, whether realized or not. Adoptees are 4 times as likely to commit suicide, for example, than the average rest of the population.

I would think that the government would at least listen to its own previous prime minister, and premiers' apologies against adoption, that say these acts 'will never be repeated'.

Yours sincerely,
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