



Our **Mission** is to prevent child sexual assault in our society.
Our **Vision** is to make Australia the safest place in the world to raise a child.

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Submission to: Child Death Review Legislation Amendment Bill 2019

To Whom It May Concern:

Bravehearts is pleased to provide this feedback in relation to the *Child Death Review Legislation Amendment Bill 2019*.

As an agency that is focussed on the prevention of sexual harm against children and the protection of all children in our communities, and acknowledging both the importance and the complexities in reviewing circumstances in relation to the death of a child, Bravehearts fully supports the proposed amendments under the *Child Death Review Legislation Amendment Bill 2019*.

We note the Bill both establishes a new Child Death Review Board and expands the requirement for an internal review in the event of the death or serious physical injury of a child known to Child Safety to other relevant agencies such as Education and Health. As noted by the Attorney-General, the proposed "child death review model is focused on continuous improvement of systems, legislation, policies and practice". Bravehearts believes that through a thorough, effective and independent review process, Government will be better placed to protect our most vulnerable children.

Bravehearts would like to commend the Queensland Government for its focus on amending legislation to ensure the best interests of the child, provide for more transparency and accountability and provide better policy, practice and protection into the future.

We thank you for the opportunity to provide this submission. Please contact us on research@bravehearts.org.au if any further information is required.

Kind Regards,

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