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Please find below my submission:

Every child should have a right to know their biological mother and father if at all possible. A law that denies a child this right should not come into effect in our State.

A study by Dr Paul Sullins, published in the peer-reviewed Journal of Education, Society and Behavioral Science in February last year analysed reports on 512 children raised by same-sex parents, drawn from a pool of over 207,000 respondents who participated in the US National Health Interview Survey between 1997 and 2013. He found that, on eight out of 12 measures, children raised by same-sex couples had nearly double the risk of emotional, mental health or developmental problems compared with children raised by their two natural parents. Bullying and "homophobia" are often cited as the cause of such problems, but the analysis found no difference between the two groups in their self-reported experience of having been bullied. (source: Family Voice Australia)

I oppose the Adoption and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016 as it denies children the right to know and be brought up by their biological mother and father to the detriment of our society.

Regards
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