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Research Director
Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee
Parliament House
George Street
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Dear Research Director & Committee,
I write to oppose the bill allowing same sex couples to adopt children in QLD.

The adoption system in QLD itself is in dire need of overhaul, with so few children actually being adopted in this state as it is.

Given the significant issues in the foster care system and the millions of dollars being put into recruiting foster parents, a much better use of tax payers money and ultimately better outcome for the children would be to have a robust & effective adoption system - this is where your attention actually should be! Allowing same sex couples to adopt is quite frankly a side show.

That being said. Children do best with a father and a mother. Yes, in an ideal world children will have access to their natural mother AND father, as children do best when receiving parenting from both sexes. Statistics show that children develop better, have higher social skills and are themselves more likely to form meaningful long lasting relationships when parented by a mother and a father, not by same sex couples. So an effective robust adoption system that places children into a stable family with a heterosexual couple is best and should be maintained.

I remind the committee of the obvious - if a person chooses of their own free will to enter into a relationship that cannot biologically produce children then it seems ludicrous that any such should demand the right to have children, whether by technological or adoptive processes. It is a privilege to have children, not a right I am thankful to be in a stable heterosexual marriage and have the privilege of having 4 children. But it is as clear as the nose on your face - I chose to enter into a relationship where I could have children. However, if a person chooses to enter into a relationship that they cannot produce children, then let that be the obvious and natural result - they don't have children - whether by surrogacy, IVF or adoption. Children are a privilege, not a right, and it is wrong for any member of parliament to introduce a bill that acquiesces to demands of same sex couples for rights which are not theirs to claim, and thereby circumnavigate the obvious natural order or human society from millennia.

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