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Subject: Submission regarding Adoption and Other Legislation Amendment Bill
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To the Committee,

In regards to the proposed Adoption and Other Legislation Amendment Bill, as a voter in this state I do not support the Bill as it currently stands.

While life circumstances lead to many children not being raised by both their parents, I do not believe it is the 'best' for a child. Ideally adoption should provide, as best as it can, the best situation for raising a child.

I believe this situation includes a mother and a father, ideally a married man and woman.

Married: as it signals the clear intention that the adoptive parents plan to remain united, and thus provide long term stability for the child.

Man and Woman: each gender provides something different and special in the child-parent relationship, which is neglected if there is only one gender represented. Having special 'uncles' or female figures who have relationships with the child to replace/provide the missing gender contact, while good, does not provide the same depth as daily life with a parent figure of that gender. And not having it at all is to miss out on something important.

As regards single parents: for the reasons listed above I believe children are more likely to thrive when raised by both a mother and a father. Moreover, the support that two people can give to each other in the raising of a child is vital. There is a reason single parents need extra support from society: it's a tough gig. I do not believe starting a child in this circumstance is ideal, if we can avoid it.

I am in support of making the processes easier for married male/female couples to adopt children. Particularly if linked to family planning/abortion counselling, to let women considering abortion know that there are couples who would dearly love to care for their child, if they would let he or she live.

Yours Sincerely,

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Kind Regards,

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