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Subject: Submission regarding The Adoption and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016
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The Research Director,
The Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention
Committee,
Parliament House,
Brisbane, Qld.

Dear Sir/Madam,
Please consider my submission regarding The Adoption and Other Legislation Amendment
Bill 2016.

I would ask that the Committee oppose the passing of this bill for the following reason.

It is in the best interests of a child to be raised by his or her biological parents: or, for an
adoptee child, the nearest equivalent context of an adopting mother and father.

The American College of Pediatricians in 2004 concluded:

'The environment in which children are reared is absolutely critical to their development.
Given the current body of research, the American College of Pediatricians believes it is
inappropriate, potentially hazardous to children, and dangerously irresponsible to change
the age-old prohibition on homosexual parenting, whether by adoption, foster care, or by
reproductive manipulation. This position is rooted in the best available science.'

Therefore, I humbly request that the Committee oppose the proposed changes to the
Queensland adoption legislation, thus enabling adoption to remain restricted to a spouse
couple that comprises a (cis) male and a (cis) female.

Thank you for your consideration,
Yours faithfully,
Robyn Stout

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