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Dear Member for Cairns

Letter of Endorsement

Limitation of Actions and Other Legislation (Child Abuse Civil Proceedings) Amendment Bill 2016

Thank you for your efforts to achieve Justice for children who have been abused.

We commend the Bill to be put to Parliament and to be made Law. We applaud you for your actions.

We endorse the Bill on the grounds that the following objectives are included in the Legislation:

1. Retrospectively remove civil time limits for actions of personal injury arising from child abuse;
2. Allowing reopening of matters previously subject to a settlement (where an injustice was created as a result of the time limits);
3. Remove the right of a defendant to stay proceedings on the basis of passage of time, where the defendant was the cause of the passage of time;
4. Reinstigate jury trials for civil litigation for actions of personal injury from child abuse.

We commend the Bill to be passed unanimously by Queensland Parliament.

Yours sincerely

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