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Dear Research Director

The Queensland Family and Child Commission (QFCC) is pleased to provide our support to the amendments and policy objectives proposed under the Limitation of Actions and Other Legislation (Child Abuse Civil Proceedings) Amendment Bill 2016; and the Limitation of Actions and Other Legislation (Institutional Child Sexual Abuse) Amendment Bill 2016.

The QFCC supports the removal of civil statutory time limits for personal injury action arising from child abuse and the recognition of the retrospective effect of these amendments. These amendments recognise that barriers to reporting child sexual abuse are significant and time should not impede a victim's ability to seek legal redress.

Additionally, the QFCC is pleased to note the Bill's proposed reinstatement of the right to trial by jury for civil actions for personal injury arising from child abuse, including in an institutional setting.

The QFCC is also pleased to note, the amendments proposed under each respective Bill recognise the recommendations of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, Redress and Civil Litigation Report.

Yours sincerely


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