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Committee Secretary
Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee
Parliament House
George Street
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Dear Committee Secretary

Thank you for providing the Queensland Family and Child Commission (QFCC) with an opportunity to provide a submission on the Criminal Code (Child Sexual Offences Reform) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2019 (the Bill).

The QFCC supports the intention of the draft Bill to implement a range of recommendations from the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse (the Royal Commission) and the Queensland Sentencing Advisory Council.

The QFCC is pleased to see provisions in the Bill to extend the application of the offence of grooming and create new offences for failing to report and protect a child from institutional child sexual abuse, along with introducing the use of intermediaries in court proceedings. The QFCC has previously made a submission to the Royal Commission supporting these recommendations.

If you or your officers have any queries in relation to this matter they may contact Natalie Conner, Executive Director, Corporate and Communications, on [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cheryl Vardon".

Cheryl Vardon
Principal Commissioner
Queensland Family and Child Commission

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