

Hon Di Farmer M.P.
Minister for Child Safety, Youth and Women and
Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and
Family Violence.

re Child Protection and Other Legislation
Amendment Bill 2020 (the Bill)
Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee.

I address my comments to Hon Di Farmer MP,
Minister for Child Safety, Youth and Women and
Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and
Family Violence.

It appears that she believes that "Adoption" will
cure the problem of child abuse (Marion Tet Lee),
family violence, infertile couples, and the
eventual moving off the Government responsibility
of State wards.

Adoption cures nothing. It introduces a
multitude of new problems with the annihilation
of the child's history, the changing of the child's
name, the severing of all early relationships,
good or bad, and the demand on the
already commodified human being, to play
the "adoption game" of "pretend", when they
may already be fleeing from their life circum-
stances. This happens at a time when you
should be considering the rehabilitation of
the child. Adoption will add to the child's

confusion and bewilderment. Expecting a young child to call strangers 'mum' and 'dad' will compound the already traumatic outcomes that the child is already dealing with.

Guardianship, or wardship lessens the trauma for the child. The child does not have to deal with the artificial imposition of a new identity. Guardianship allows the child to think that "things will be different now" instead of "a new 'mum' and 'dad'! here comes more of the same!" As well, a child already traumatised cannot adjust to being called "William" one week, and "James" the next.

Adoption is no more than a Government construct to save the taxpayers money. Guardians on the other hand, can have all the advantages of adoption, while not causing the child a severe identity crisis, and be responsible for the child financially.

Adoption was one of the worst introductions to Australian life in the 20th Century. There is no place for it in the 21st Century if we are going to really care for the well being of our precious next generation of children.

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