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Ms Barbara Stone MP
Chair
Legal Affairs, Police, Corrective Services and
Emergency Services Committee
Parliament House
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Dear Ms Stone

Thank you for providing the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian (the Commission) with the opportunity to provide feedback on the Criminal and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2011 (the Bill).

The Commission welcomes measures which strengthen protections and safeguards for children and young people in Queensland and is pleased to endorse the Bill and the proposed legislative changes. The Commission is also supportive of amendments to the *Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000* arising from the Bill.

The proposed measures highlight and reinforce the serious nature of offences involving the procurement and grooming of children and young people for sexual exploitation or to engage in sexual activities.

It is critical that we continue to implement measures which enhance and promote the safety and wellbeing of children and young people and I look forward to following the progress of the Bill.

Should you require any further information regarding the Commission's position, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Susan Dwyer, Principal Advisor, Office of the Commissioner and Child Guardian on [REDACTED] or [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely

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