

Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Bill 2022

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Victims of forced adoption, a practice which the Queensland government apologised for a decade ago, still must undergo a Supreme Court case to reverse (discharge) their adoption (as an adult) in order to reactivate their original true birth certificate. Inaccurate details on this certificate, such as the omission of the father and incorrect details recorded, against require Supreme Court action to address. I propose that integrated birth certificates, such as are available to NSW adoptees, be made available in Queensland. I further suggest that inaccurate details should be able to be addressed by DNA proof or by an affidavit to the department rather than a court matter. I suggest that for those adults who want to discharge their adoption and access their true birth certificate, they be allowed to without the need of a full discharge Supreme Court case, rather a magistrate's court and an application, as has been available in Victoria for many years.