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Committee Secretary
Education, Employment and Small Business Committee
Parliament House
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Dear Committee Secretary

The Queensland Family and Child Commission (QFCC) is pleased to provide feedback to the Education, Employment and Small Business Committee on the Working with Children (Risk Management and Screening) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2018.

During 2017, the QFCC released a number of reviews to improve safeguards for children. These include the *Review of the blue card system*, intended to strengthen and streamline the blue card system, and *Recommendation 28 Supplementary Review*, a review of legislation, policies and practices relating to information sharing about regulated home-based services.

The QFCC supports the intention of the Bill to implement recommendations from these reviews, including measures to prevent people commencing paid work while a blue card application is pending, and the establishment of a centralised register of regulated home based care services.

These reforms are relevant to achieving a strong foundation for creating safe environments for children in Queensland. Ultimately, Queensland's children will be safer doing activities that help them grow, learn and develop.

If you or your officers have any queries in relation to this matter they may contact Zara Berkovits, A/Director, Office of the Commissioners, on [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

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

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