



Appendix D: List of public hearings

Tuesday, 22 May 2018 – Canberra, ACT

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

- Mr David Braddock, Head, Child Welfare Unit
- Ms Kristy Raithel, Senior Project Manager
- Ms Louise York, Group Head, Community Services Group

Department of Social Services

- Ms Barbara Bennett, Deputy Secretary
- Ms Kathryn Mandla, Branch Manager, Children's Policy Branch

Tuesday, 29 May 2018 – Canberra, ACT

The Centre for Independent Studies

- Dr Jeremy Sammut, Senior Research Fellow

Tuesday, 19 June 2018 – Canberra, ACT

Jigsaw Queensland Inc

- Dr Trevor Jordan, President

Relationships Australia, South Australia

- Ms Nikki Hartmann, Post Adoption and Forced Adoption Support Services

VANISH Inc (Victorian Adoption Network for Information and Self Help)

- Ms Penelope Mackieson, Chair

Friday, 22 June 2018 – Canberra, ACT

Anglicare Sydney

- Mrs Elizabeth Maree Byrne, Senior Program Manager, Adoption and Guardianship
- Ms Sue Madden, Manager and Principal Officer, Foster Care and Adoptions

Anglicare Victoria

- Mr Paul McDonald, Chief Executive Officer

Association of Child Welfare Agencies

- Dr Wendy Foote, Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Australian Capital Territory Government

- Ms Sarah Anderson, Senior Manager, Human Services Policy, Community Services Directorate
- Ms Anita Chettur, Senior Manager, Practice and Performance, Child Youth Protection Services, Community Services Directorate

Barnardos Australia

- Ms Deirdre Cheers, Chief Executive Officer

Department of Family and Community Services, New South Wales

- Ms Simone Czech, Executive Director, Child and Family, Commissioning

Department of Health and Human Services, Victoria

- Mr Mick Naughton, Director, Children and Families Policy, Children, Families, Disability and Operations Division

Northern Territory Government

- Mr Chris Simcock, Acting Executive Director, Operational Support, Territory Families
- Mr Luke Twyford, Executive Director, Strategy, Policy and Performance, Territory Families

South Australian Government

- Ms Cathy Taylor, Chief Executive, Department for Child Protection

Queensland Government

- Mrs Amanda Currie, Acting Deputy Director General and Chief Operating Officer, Department of Child Safety, Youth and Women
- Ms Megan Giles, Executive Director, Policy and Legislation, Department of Child Safety, Youth and Women

Western Australian Government

- Ms Felicity Bunt, Senior Legal Officer, Legislation, Department of Communities
- Ms Audrey Lee, General Manager, Policy and Service Design, Department of Communities
- Ms Helen Nys, Assistant Director General, Policy and Service Design, Department of Communities
- Ms Diane Scarle, Service Delivery, Department of Communities
- Ms Jackie Tang, Assistant Director General, Child Protection and Family Support, Department of Communities

Private Capacity

- Professor Denise Cuthbert
- Dr Patricia Fronck
- Associate Professor Karleen Gribble
- Professor Daryl Higgins
- Emeritus Professor Shurlee Swain

Tuesday, 26 June 2018 – Canberra, ACT*Adopt Change*

- Ms Renee Carter, Chief Executive Officer

University of Sydney

- Professor Judith Cashmore, Socio-Legal Research and Policy, Sydney Law School
- Associate Professor Amy Conley Wright, Director, Institute of Open Adoption Studies, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

Tuesday, 14 August 2018 – Canberra, ACT*Aboriginal Child, Family and Community Care State Secretariat*

- Mr Tim Ireland, Chief Executive Officer

Central Australian Aboriginal Congress Aboriginal Corporation

- Ms Donna Ah Chee, Chief Executive Officer
- Ms Sheralee Taylor, Board Member

Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care

- Ms Natalie Lewis, Director

Tuesday, 21 August 2018 – Canberra, ACT

Department of Social Services

- Mrs Cath Halbert, Group Manager
- Ms Elizabeth Hefren-Webb, Deputy Secretary
- Mr Tristan Reed, Branch Manager, Families and Children Branch

EY (Ernst & Young)

- Mr Mark Galvin, Partner
- Ruth Owen, Partner

Tuesday, 11 September 2018 – Canberra, ACT

Family Inclusion Strategies in the Hunter

- Ms Jessica Cocks, President and Churchill Fellow, Winston Churchill Memorial Trust

Private capacity

- Dr Nicola Ross