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THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
Parliament House

Re: Inquiry into the Crimes Amendment (Working With Children – Criminal History) Bill 2009

While the tight timeframes for response to the proposed amendments has meant that Family Day Care Australia has not completed a detailed submission on this important issue, we would like to provide our support for the changes.

Family Day Care Australia supports the inter-jurisdictional exchange of criminal history information for people working with children, including information about spent, pardoned and quashed convictions. Family Day Care Australia supports the amendments creating an exception for convictions of persons who work, or seek to work, with children so that those convictions can be disclosed to and taken into account by Commonwealth, State and Territory screening agencies in determining whether the person is suitable to work with children.

If you have any questions regarding Family Day Care Australia's response, please feel free to contact me.

Best regards

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