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I would just like to make a comment on the process. In S.A. the private agencies has been closed and taken over by the Government to bring S.A. into line with other states. Does this mean that the the age criteria will change in S.A? There are many issues that need to be addressed to bring all states into line. Cost-Age-Single or Married- tax rebates- immigration fees. There would be many more eligible parents if these issues were addressed. Then there is the issue of benefits not received when adopting from overseas. I hope that all these issues will be reviewed and corrected so Australia can have one process for all states