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My name is Karen Lloyd-Collins and my husband and I are on the interest register for QLD that open for 6 weeks last year.

I have been informed by the Department of Child Safety that we can not even start the adoption process for another year due to the number of applications being processed. However, in S.A. there was apparently hardly any waiting time.

Please improve the efficiency of the whole process between states and keep the possible adoptive parents informed of what is happening and of why there is such a bottle neck, particularly when there are so many children suffering in many other countries. It should also be in the government's and the world's humanitarian interest to look after these children as soon as possible.

I have 3 biological children and I would expect that my entitlements would be exactly the same for an adopted child. I have not investigated this area as yet, but please ensure the benefits are consistent between biological and adoptive children.

Yours sincerely

Karen Lloyd-Collins