

The Honorable Katrine Hildyard MP

28 October 2022

Minister for Child Protection

(via email only: minister.hildyard@sa.gov.au)

Dear Minister Hildyard,

Independent Inquiry into Foster & Kinship Care report & Legislation review

Thank you for informing our organisation you intend to receive the Independent Inquiry into Foster & Kinship Care report on the 30th November 2022.

We at Connecting Foster & Kinship Carers SA look forward to receiving a copy of Dr Arney's report, examining the recommendations and consulting with our membership regarding the suggested outcomes.

Given the parliamentary sitting calendar for 2022 is rapidly drawing to a close, we are keen to confirm if the report will be tabled this year, and as a result, available for the general public to examine.

In addition to the release of Dr Arney's report we are aware the current legislation review into the *Children and Young People (Safety) Act 2017* is slated to close on the 4th November 2022. We believe Dr Arney's report (and associated recommendations) will assist in the current legislation review process. Unfortunately the current legislation review process will close before Dr Arney's report is released.

The purpose of our letter is twofold. As the independent peak representative body for Carers across SA, we seek:

1. confirmation Dr Arney's report will be tabled in parliament in the 2022 sitting year and;
2. a formal extension of time for Carers to provide feedback to the legislation review process taking into consideration the findings of Dr Arney's report.

In the spirit of informing our membership of our ongoing advocacy efforts, ensuring for their voice is heard and rights are upheld, we will share this correspondence and your response accordingly.

Yours sincerely,



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