

Adoption Roundtable Communiqué – 18 February 2026

The Honourable Amanda Camm MP, Minister for Families, Seniors and Disability Services and Minister for Child Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence thanks all Queensland adoption advocates and stakeholders who participated in the Adoption Roundtable (Roundtable) held on Wednesday, 18 February 2026.

The aim of the Roundtable was to provide an opportunity to listen to, and learn from, adoption stakeholders including sector representatives, peak bodies, advocacy organisations and service providers about challenges and opportunities for adoption in Queensland.

Participants discussed past learnings gained through lived experience of adoption and future opportunities for adoption reform and system improvement, including:

- the need for transparency in both adoption practices and adoptions.
- the lifelong impacts to both the parents and an adopted person as a result of adoption, including loss of connection to identity and the resulting intergenerational trauma.
- barriers to accessing and obtaining information and records, birth certificate reform and integrated birth certificates.
- children not having a choice in decisions about their adoption and barriers to discharge of adoptions.
- the need for accountability for the adopted person while they are a child including ongoing monitoring of health and wellbeing.
- the need for adoption to be considered the last option for achieving permanency for children in care.
- inconsistencies in Australian state and territory adoption frameworks and practices.
- the need for additional “post adoption support” for the adopted person and ongoing access to specialised and therapeutic services.
- inconsistencies between Australian adoption practices and international adoption practices.
- simple and open adoption as options that provide permanency without legal separation between the parents and child.
- parents of adoptees needing more choice and options.
- the need for more education about adoption, past and present policies which shape processes and their impacts.

The Minister and the Department will consider the challenges and opportunities raised by participants at the Roundtable in light of other work being undertaken to determine the best way forward for adoption in Queensland.