

Director of Child Protection Litigation Bill 2016



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An Act to establish the Director of Child Protection Litigation and for related purposes, and to make consequential amendments of this Act, the Child Protection Act 1999, the Child Protection (International Measures) Act 2003, the Childrens Court Act 1992, the Family and Child Commission Act 2014 and the Public Service Act 2008

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	The Pa	arliament of	Queensland enacts—	1
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	Divisi	ion 1	Introduction	3
Clause	1		et may be cited as the <i>Director of Child Protection</i> on Act 2016.	4 5 6
Clause	2	Commence This Ac	ement t commences on 1 July 2016.	7 8
Clause	3	The dict this Act	tionary in schedule 1 defines particular words used in .	9 10 11
	Divis	ion 2	Purpose and principles	12
Clause	4	Child Pı	in purpose of this Act is to establish the Director of rotection Litigation to apply for child protection orders duct child protection proceedings.	13 14 15 16
Clause	5		principle in principle for administering this Act is that the vellbeing and best interests of a child are paramount.	17 18 19

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	Exam	ple—	1
	pro we pro	the director is making a decision under this Act about a child of tection proceeding where there is conflict between the child's safety, ellbeing and best interests, and the interests of adults involved in the occeding, the conflict must be resolved in favour of the child's safety, ellbeing and best interests.	2 3 4 5 6
Oth	ner ge	eneral principles	7
(1)		Act is to be administered having regard to the following ciples—	8 9
	(a)	collaboration between the director and chief executive (child safety) best achieves fair, timely and consistent outcomes for the protection of children;	10 11 12
	(b)	in protecting a child, the director should only take the action that is warranted in the circumstances, including, for example, by applying for the least intrusive child protection order;	13 14 15 16
	(c)	the director should consider whether sufficient, relevant and appropriate evidence is available in deciding whether to make an application for a child protection order;	17 18 19 20
	(d)	each principle stated in the <i>Child Protection Act 1999</i> , section 5B for ensuring the safety, wellbeing and best interests of a child, to the extent the principle is capable of being applied to a person performing a function or exercising a power under this Act, including, for example—	21 22 23 24 25 26
		(i) a child has a right to be protected from harm or risk of harm; and	27 28
		(ii) a delay in making a decision in relation to a child should be avoided, unless appropriate for the child;	29 30
	(e)	each additional principle applying in relation to an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander child stated in the <i>Child Protection Act 1999</i> , section 5C.	31 32 33

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		(2)	Also, each principle relevant to exercising powers and making decisions under the <i>Child Protection Act 1999</i> , section 5D(1) applies to the extent the principle is capable of being applied to a person exercising a power or making a decision under this Act.	1 2 3 4 5
		(3)	In addition, the <i>Child Protection Act 1999</i> , section 5E applies in relation to a person giving a child an opportunity to express their views under this Act.	6 7 8
	Part	2	Director of Child Protection Litigation	9 10
	Divis	ion	1 Director of Child Protection Litigation	11 12
lause	7	Est	ablishment	13
			There must be a Director of Child Protection Litigation.	14
lause	8	Dire	ector represents the State	15
		(1)	The director represents the State.	16
		(2)	Without limiting subsection (1), the director has the status, privileges and immunities of the State.	17 18
	Divis	ion	2 Functions and powers	19
lause	9	Fur	nctions	20
		(1)	The director's main functions are to do the following under the <i>Child Protection Act 1999</i> —	21 22
			(a) prepare and apply for child protection orders, and conduct child protection proceedings, under chapter 2, part 4 of that Act;	23 24 25

	(b)	orde	pare and apply for transfers of a child protection er or child protection proceeding to a participating e under chapter 7, part 2 or 4 of that Act;	1 2 3				
	(c)	prep	pare, institute and conduct appeals against—	4				
		(i)	decisions about applications for child protection orders under chapter 3, part 4 of that Act; and	5 6				
		(ii)	decisions to transfer a child protection order or child protection proceeding to a participating State under chapter 7, part 2 or 4 of that Act.	7 8 9				
(2)	In ac	lditio	n, the director has the following functions—	10				
	(a)	-	viding legal advice to the chief executive (child ty) in relation to—	11 12				
		(i)	the functions of the chief executive (child safety) under the <i>Adoption Act 2009</i> and the <i>Child Protection Act 1999</i> ; and	13 14 15				
		(ii)	other matters relating to the safety, wellbeing or protection of a child;	16 17				
	(b)	representing the State in legal proceedings under the <i>Adoption Act 2009</i> and the <i>Child Protection Act 1999</i> or other proceedings relating to the safety, wellbeing or protection of a child other than proceedings mentioned in subsection (1);						
	(c)	on t	a matter involving the State to which the Convention the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction lies under the <i>Family Law Act 1975</i> (Cwlth), section B—	23 24 25 26				
		(i)	providing advice to the State about the matter; and	27				
		(ii)	representing the State in proceedings relating to the matter;	28 29				
	(d)	•	other function given to the director by this Act or ther Act.	30 31				

Clause	10	Applying for child protection	orders and related orders	1
		(1) The director may, on beh Childrens Court for the follow	alf of the State, apply to the wing—	2 3
		(a) a child protection order <i>Protection Act 1999</i> , ch	ler for a child under the <i>Child</i> napter 2, part 4;	4 5
		protection proceeding	to a participating State under the 1999, section 212 or 225.	6 7 8
		(2) Subject to section 14, no application mentioned in sub	o other person may make an section (1).	9 10
Clause	11	Engaging lawyers		11
			oppropriately qualified lawyers to ing out the director's functions	12 13 14
Clause	12	Powers		15
		(1) The director has the powers §	given under this Act.	16
		•	wer to do all things necessary or forming the director's functions.	17 18
Clause	13	Not under Ministerial control		19
		<u> </u>	s functions and exercising the tor is not under the control or	20 21 22
Clause	14	Delegation		23
		(1) The director may delegate th under this Act to—	e director's functions and powers	24 25
		(a) an appropriately qual staff; or	ified member of the director's	26 27
		(b) a lawyer engaged unde	r section 11.	28

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		(2)	How (a) (b) (c)	may and mus	a delegation of a function under section 10(1)— be made only to a member of the director's staff; t be in writing; and not permit a subdelegation of the function.	1 2 3 4 5
	Part	3			Referrals	6
	Divis	sion	1		Referral of child protection matters	7
lause	15			nief e on m	xecutive (child safety) must refer child atter	8
		(1)	This	section	on applies—	10
			(a)	if th	e chief executive (child safety) is satisfied—	11
				(i)	a child is a child in need of protection; and	12
				(ii)	a child protection order is appropriate and desirable for the child's protection; or	13 14
			(b)	if—		15
				(i)	a child protection order is in force for the child; and	16 17
				(ii)	the chief executive (child safety) is satisfied the order is no longer appropriate and desirable for the child's protection.	18 19 20
		(2)			executive (child safety) must refer the matter (a ection matter) to the director.	21 22
lause	16	Red	quire	ment	s for referral of child protection matter	23
		(1)	chie		child protection matter referred under section 15, the cutive (child safety) must give the director the	24 25 26

			(a)	for a matter mentioned in section 15(1)(a), a brief of evidence about the child that includes—	1 2
				(i) the reasons why the child is a child in need of protection; and	3 4
				(ii) the reasons why a child protection order is appropriate and desirable for the child's protection; and	5 6 7
				(iii) the type of child protection order the chief executive (child safety) considers appropriate and desirable for the child's protection;	8 9 10
			(b)	for a matter mentioned in section 15(1)(b), a brief of evidence about the child that includes the reasons why a child protection order is no longer appropriate and desirable for the child's protection;	11 12 13 14
			(c)	supporting documents for the matters mentioned in paragraph (a) or (b) available to the chief executive (child safety), including, for example, affidavits;	15 16 17
			(d)	all other documents and evidence relevant to the referral that are available to the chief executive (child safety).	18 19
		(2)		referral and brief of evidence must comply with the elines made by the director under section 39.	20 21
	Divis	sion	2	Dealing with child protection matters	22 23
Clause	17		w dire	ector may deal with referral of child protection	24 25
		(1)		each child protection matter referred under section 15, the ctor may decide to either—	26 27
			(a)	apply for a child protection order for the child; or	28
			(b)	refer the matter back to the chief executive (child safety).	29 30

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		(2)	(1),	are deciding how to deal with the matter under subsection the director may ask the chief executive (child safety) to ide further evidence or information about the matter.	1 2 3
			Exam	ple—	4
			ne Th or	the director may consider further evidence or other information may be seded to enable the Childrens Court to grant a child protection order. The director may ask the chief executive (child safety) for the evidence information before deciding whether to apply for the order or refer to matter back to the chief executive (child safety).	5 6 7 8 9
lause	18			rector must consult with chief executive (child and give reasons	10 11
		(1)	safet	director must consult with the chief executive (child y) before doing any of the following things in relation to ld protection matter—	12 13 14
			(a)	referring a child protection matter back to the chief executive (child safety) under section 17(1)(b);	15 16
			(b)	applying for a child protection order of a different type, or an order that is otherwise different from, the order mentioned in the brief of evidence given by the chief executive (child safety);	17 18 19 20
			(c)	any other thing prescribed for this section in the guidelines made by the director under section 39.	21 22
		(2)	direct with direct	Eter consulting with the chief executive (child safety), the eter decides to do a thing mentioned in subsection (1) out the agreement of the chief executive (child safety), the eter must give the chief executive (child safety) written ons for the decision.	23 24 25 26 27

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	Part	4		Confidentiality and exchange of information	1 2
	Divis	ion	1	Confidentiality	3
Clause	19	Cor	nfide	ntiality of information	4
		(1)		a person gains confidential information through elvement in the administration of this Act, the person must	5 6 7
			(a)	make a record of the information or intentionally disclose the information to anyone, other than under subsection (3); or	8 9 10
			(b)	recklessly disclose the information to anyone.	11
				ximum penalty—100 penalty units or 2 years risonment.	12 13
		(2)	in t	erson gains confidential information through involvement he administration of this Act if the person gains the rmation because of being, or an opportunity given by g—	14 15 16 17
			(a)	the director or a member of the director's staff; or	18
			(b)	a person engaged by the director for this Act; or	19
			(c)	a public service employee employed in the department; or	20 21
			(d)	a public service employee employed in the department administered by the chief executive (child safety).	22 23
		(3)		vever, a person may make a record of confidential rmation or disclose it to someone else—	24 25
			(a)	for this Act; or	26
			(b)	to discharge a function under another law; or	27
			(c)	for a proceeding in a court or QCAT; or	28

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	(e) if required or permitted by law; or	3
	purpose directly related to a child's protection or	4 5 6
Clause 20		7 8
	director may authorise the person to have access to information relating to the administration of this Act,	9 10 11 12
	• • •	13 14
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	reasonably be expected to result in the identification of	17 18 19
	information, or give access to the information, to someone	20 21 22
Clause 21	Confidentiality of information given to other persons	23
	confidential information by a person under section 19(3) or given access to information for research purposes under	24 25 26 27
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		(3)		vever, the receiver may use or disclose the information to eone else—	1 2
			(a)	if the use or disclosure is authorised by the director under section 20; or	3 4
			(b)	for a proceeding in a court or QCAT; or	5
			(c)	if authorised by a court or QCAT in the interests of justice; or	6 7
			(d)	if the confidential information relates to a child—for a purpose directly related to a child's protection or wellbeing; or	8 9 10
			(e)	if the use or disclosure is otherwise required or permitted by law.	11 12
	Divis	sion	2	Information exchange	13
lause	22	Def	initic	on for division	14
			In th	is division—	15
			info	rmation includes a document.	16
lause	23	Dir	ector	may ask for information	17
		(1)		director may ask the chief executive (child safety) for rmation relevant to a child protection matter.	18 19
		(2)		chief executive (child safety) must take reasonable steps rovide the information.	20 21
lause	24			ure by chief executive (child safety) for child on proceeding	22 23
		(1)		section applies in relation to a child protection eeding.	24 25
		(2)		chief executive (child safety) has a duty to disclose to the etor all information relevant to the proceeding, including	26 27

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			knowledge of a matter relevant to the proceeding, in the possession or control of the chief executive (child safety).	
		(3)	The duty continues until the proceeding is finally decided or otherwise ends.	2
	Part	5	Administration	4
	Divis	ion	1 Appointment of director and related matters	7
Clause	25	Ар	pointment	8
		(1)	The director is appointed by the Governor in Council on the recommendation of the Minister.	<u>9</u>
		(2)	The Minister may recommend a person for appointment only if—	1
			(a) the person is a lawyer who has been admitted to practise for at least 10 years; and	1
			(b) the Minister is satisfied the person has demonstrated qualities of leadership, management and innovation in a senior government or private sector role.	1 1 1
Clause	26	Dir	ector appointed under this Act	1
			The director is appointed under this Act and not under the <i>Public Service Act 2008</i> .	1 2
Clause	27	Ter	rm of office	2
			Subject to this division, the director holds office for a term, of not more than 5 years, stated in the director's instrument of appointment.	2

Clause	28	Co	nditio	ons of appointment	1
		(1)		director is to be paid the remuneration and allowances ded by the Governor in Council.	2 3
		(2)	deci	director holds office on the terms and conditions that are ded by the Governor in Council, to the extent the terms conditions are not provided for by this Act.	4 5 6
Clause	29	Pre	serv	ation of rights of director	7
		(1)		section applies if a public service officer is appointed as director.	8 9
		(2)	as a	person keeps all rights accrued or accruing to the person public service officer as if service as the director were a inuation of service as a public service officer.	10 11 12
		(3)	the o	the end of the person's term of office or on resignation as director, the person's service as the director is taken to be ice of a like nature in the public service for deciding the on's rights as a public service officer.	13 14 15 16
Clause	30	Oth	ner ei	mployment limited	17
				er than under this Act, the director must not, without the ister's consent, engage in any work relating to—	18 19
			(a)	the protection or rights and interests of children and young people; or	20 21
			(b)	an adult who has been charged with an offence against a child.	22 23
Clause	31			's previous involvement does not prevent or limit ance of functions	24 25
		(1)	This	section applies to a person appointed as the director if—	26
			(a)	before the appointment, the person was involved in a matter in the practice of the person's profession; and	27 28
			(b)	at the time of the appointment, the matter has not been finally decided or otherwise dealt with.	29 30

	(2)		involvement does not prevent the person from, or limit person in, performing the person's functions as director.	1 2
	(3)	How	ever, the person must not—	3
		(a)	disclose information given to the person in his or her professional capacity in relation to the matter before the person's appointment as director, other than to—	4 5 6
			(i) the person for whom the director was acting in the matter in the practice of the director's profession; or	7 8 9
			(ii) a legal representative of that person; or	10
			(iii) a person authorised by the person or legal representative mentioned in subparagraph (i) or (ii) to receive the information; or	11 12 13
		(b)	act personally in relation to the matter.	14
Clause 32	Vac	cancy	in office	15
	(1)	The	office of the director becomes vacant if the director—	16
		(a)	resigns office by signed notice to the Minister giving at least 1 month's notice; or	17 18
		(b)	is convicted of an indictable offence; or	19
		(c)	is an insolvent under administration under the Corporations Act, section 9; or	20 21
		(d)	is removed from office by the Governor in Council under subsection (3).	22 23
	(2)	subs	, if the director is suspended by the Minister under ection (5), the office is vacant during the period of ension.	24 25 26
	(3)		Governor in Council may, at any time, remove the etor from office on the recommendation of the Minister.	27 28
	(4)		Minister may recommend the director's removal if the ster is satisfied the director—	29 30
		(a)	has been guilty of misconduct; or	31

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			(b) is incapable of performing his or her duties; or	1
			(c) has neglected his or her duties or performed them incompetently.	2 3
		(5)	The Minister may suspend the director for up to 60 days by signed notice to the director if—	4 5
			(a) there is an allegation of misconduct against the director; or	6 7
			(b) the Minister is satisfied a matter has arisen in relation to the director that may be grounds for removal under this section.	8 9 10
lause	33	Act	ting director	11
		(1)	If there is a vacancy in the office of the director or the director is absent or for any other reason is unable to perform the functions of the office, the Minister may appoint a person to act as the director for a period of not more than 6 months.	12 13 14 15
		(2)	A person can not be appointed to act as the director unless the Minister could recommend the person be appointed as director under section 25.	16 17 18
		(3)	A person appointed to act as the director may be appointed to act as director for a further period—	19 20
			(a) if the appointment is continuous on 1 or more of the person's previous appointments as acting director and the total period of continuous appointments is not more than 6 months—by the Minister; or	21 22 23 24
			(b) otherwise—by the Governor in Council.	25
		(4)	The Governor in Council may, at any time, cancel the appointment of a person to act as the director.	26 27
lause	34	No	t a statutory body for particular Acts	28
			To remove any doubt, it is declared that the director is not a statutory body for the <i>Statutory Bodies Financial</i>	29 30

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		Arrangements Act 1982 or the Financial Accountability Act 2009.
	Divisi	on 2 Office and staff
ause	35	Establishment
		1) The Office of the Director of Child Protection Litigation is established.
		2) The office consists of the director and the director's staff.
ause	36	Function
		The office's function is to help the director perform the director's functions.
ause	37	Staff
		The director's staff are employed under the <i>Public Service Act</i> 2008.
ause	38	Control of office
		1) The director controls the office.
		2) Subsection (1) does not prevent the attachment of the office to the department for the purpose of ensuring the office is supplied with the administrative support services it requires to carry out its functions effectively and efficiently.
	Part (Miscellaneous
ause	39	Director may make guidelines
		1) The director may issue written guidelines to any of the following—

	(a)	the director's staff;	1			
	(b)	the chief executive (child safety);				
	(c)	administered by the chief executive (child safety)	3 4 5			
	(d)	persons engaged by the director under section 11.	5			
(2)	The	guidelines—	7			
	(a)		3			
	(b)	may include the following—	10			
		matters to the director by the chief executive (child safety), including the form and content of a brief of	11 12 13 14			
		matters, including factors the director must have regard to in deciding whether to apply for child	15 16 17 18			
		protection proceedings, including procedures about the roles of the director and chief executive	19 20 21 22			
		safety) may seek an internal review of a decision of the director for which reasons are required to be	23 24 25 26			
		mentioned in section 9(2)(a), (b) and (c), including how matters relevant to those functions are referred	27 28 29 30			
(3)			31 32			
(4)	A guideline must not be made in relation to a particular case.					

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Clause	40	Anr	nual report	1
		(1)	As soon as practicable after the close of each financial year but not later than 4 months after the close, the director must give to the Minister a report on the administration of this Act during that year.	2 3 4 5
		(2)	The report must include—	6
			(a) a copy of each guideline made under section 39 in force during the financial year; and	7 8
			(b) any actions taken during the financial year in response to a report given by a review panel under the <i>Child Protection Act 1999</i> , section 246DD.	9 10 11
		(3)	The Minister must table a copy of the report in the Legislative Assembly within 14 sitting days after the Minister receives it.	12 13
Clause	41	Rev	view of Act and operations of office	14
		(1)	The Minister must review the effectiveness of this Act and the operations of the Office of the Director of Child Protection Litigation as soon as practicable after the end of 5 years after the commencement of this section.	15 16 17 18
		(2)	As soon as practicable after finishing the review, the Minister must table a report about its outcome in the Legislative Assembly.	19 20 21
Clause	42	Reg	gulation-making power	22
			The Governor in Council may make regulations under this Act.	23 24

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	Part	7			Transitional provisions for this Act	1 2
Clause	43	Me	aninç	g of <i>j</i>	ore-amended for this part	3
			A reference in this part to a pre-amended provision of the <i>Child Protection Act 1999</i> is a reference to the provision as in force before the commencement.			
Clause	44	Exi	sting	ј арр	lications	7
		(1)	This	secti	on applies to the following applications—	8
			(a)	autl	application for a child protection order made by an norised officer under the pre-amended <i>Child</i> tection Act 1999, section 54, 64 or 65;	9 10 11
			(b)	part	application for an order transferring a child tection order or child protection proceeding to a child tection action order the pre-amended <i>Child tection Act 1999</i> , chapter 7, part 2 or 4.	12 13 14 15
		(2)			diately before the commencement, the application een finally dealt with—	16 17
			(a)		application is taken to be a child protection matter rred under section 24; and	18 19
			(b)	the	director is taken to have made the application.	20
Clause	45	Exi	sting	j pro	ceedings	21
		(1)	This	secti	on applies to the following proceedings—	22
			(a)	a ch	aild protection proceeding;	23
			(b)	a pr	occeding in an appellate court for—	24
				(i)	an appeal against a decision about an application started under the pre-amended <i>Child Protection Act 1999</i> , chapter 3, part 4; or	25 26 27

		(ii) an appeal against a decision to transfer a child protection order or child protection proceeding to a participating State started under the pre-amended <i>Child Protection Act 1999</i> , chapter 7, part 2 or 4.	1 2 3 4
	(2)	If, immediately before the commencement, the proceeding had not been finally dealt with—	5 6
		(a) on the commencement the director becomes a party to the proceeding in place of the authorised officer; and	7 8
		(b) for a child protection proceeding—the application the subject of the proceeding is taken to be a child protection matter.	9 10 11
	(3)	Section 24 applies to the chief executive (child safety) in relation to the child protection proceeding.	12 13
lause 46		sting child protection proceedings transferred to eensland	14 15
	(1)	This section applies to a child protection proceeding transferred to Queensland from a participating State under the pre-amended <i>Child Protection Act 1999</i> , chapter 7, part 5 if—	16 17 18
		(a) the chief executive (child safety) has, under section 235(3) of that Act, filed a notice stating the name of an authorised officer to become a party to the proceeding; and	19 20 21 22
		(b) immediately before the commencement the proceeding has not been finally dealt with.	23 24
	(2)	On the commencement, the director becomes a party to the proceeding in place of the authorised officer named in the notice.	25 26 27
lause 47		pealing decisions on applications made before nmencement	28 29
	(1)	This section applies in relation to the following decisions of the Childrens Court made before the commencement if,	30 31

				diately before the commencement, an appeal against the on has not been started—	1 2
				a decision on an application for a child protection order made under the pre-amended <i>Child Protection Act 1999</i> , chapter 2, part 4;	3 4 5
			, ,	a decision on an application for an order transferring a child protection order or child protection proceeding to a participating State under pre-amended chapter 7, part 2 or 4 of that Act.	6 7 8 9
		(2)	the de	d from the commencement, for the purpose of appealing ecision, the director is taken to have been a party to the eding for the application.	10 11 12
	Part	8		Amendment of Acts	13
	Divisi	ion	1	Amendment of this Act	14
Clause	48	Act	amen	nded	15
				division amends the <i>Director of Child Protection</i> ation Act 2016.	16 17
Clause	49	Am	endm	ent of long title	18
			Long	title, from 'purposes,'	19
			omit,	insert—	20
				purposes	21

	Divis	sion	2	Am 199	endment of Child Protection Act	1 2
Clause	50	Act	t amended			3
			This division	on am	ends the Child Protection Act 1999.	4
Clause	51				(Recognised entities and decisions and Torres Strait Islander children)	5 6
		(1)	Section 6(1	.), (2)	, (3) and (5), after ', the chief executive'—	7
			omit, insert	t—		8
				, the	e litigation director	9
		(2)	Section 6—	_		10
			insert—			11
			(5A)		sections (1) to (3) do not apply to the litigation ctor if—	12 13
				(a)	the litigation director is satisfied the chief executive or an authorised officer has already given the opportunity to participate or consulted with the recognised entity in relation to the decision; and	14 15 16 17 18
				(b)	the chief executive or authorised officer has provided the litigation director with the outcome of the participation or consultation for the director's consideration.	19 20 21 22
		(3)	Section 6(6	6), exa	amples—	23
			insert—			24
				3	a decision by the litigation director about whether or not to apply for a child protection order for the child	25 26 27
		(4)	Section 6(5	SA) ar	nd (6)—	28
			renumber a	ıs seci	tion 6(6) and (7).	29

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Clause	52	Amendment of s 51L (Who should be involved)	1
		Section 51L(1)—	2
		insert—	3
		(j) on the request of the chief executive—the litigation director.	4 5
Clause	53	Replacement of s 54 (Application for child protection order)	6 7
		Section 54—	8
		omit, insert—	9
		54 Application for child protection order	10
		An application for a child protection order for a child must—	11 12
		(a) be made to the Childrens Court; and	13
		(b) state the grounds on which it is made; and	14
		(c) state the nature of the order sought; and	15
		(d) comply with applicable rules of court; and	16
		(e) be filed in the court.	17
		Note—	18
		Only the litigation director may make the application—see the <i>Director of Child Protection Litigation Act 2016</i> , section 10.	19 20 21
Clause	54	Amendment of s 56 (Notice of application)	22
		Section 56(1) and (2), 'applicant'—	23
		omit, insert—	24
		chief executive	25

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Clause	55	Amendment of s 64 (Extension of certain child protection orders)	1 2
		Section 64(1)—	3
		omit, insert—	4
		(1) An application for an extension of a child protection order for a child, other than an order granting long-term guardianship of a child, may be made to the Children's Court.	5 6 7 8
		Note—	9
		Only the litigation director may make the application—see the <i>Director of Child Protection Litigation Act 2016</i> , section 10.	10 11 12
Clause	56	Amendment of s 65 (Variation and revocation of child protection orders)	13 14
		(1) Section 65(1), 'An authorised officer'—	15
		omit, insert—	16
		The litigation director	17
		(2) Section 65(5)(a), 'chief executive'—	18
		omit, insert—	19
		litigation director	20
		(3) Section 65(5)(b), 'chief executive'—	21
		omit, insert—	22
		litigation director and chief executive	23
Clause	57	Amendment of s 65A (Court may make transition order)	24
		Section 65A(1), 'chief executive'—	25
		omit, insert—	26
		litigation director	27

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Clause	58	Amendment of s 68 (Court's other powers on adjournment of proceedings for child protection orders)	1 2
		Section 68—	3
		insert—	4
		(6) To remove any doubt, it is declared that the chief executive may be the subject of an order mentioned in subsection (1)(a), (b) or (c) even though the chief executive is not a party to the proceeding.	5 6 7 8 9
Clause	59	Amendment of s 70 (Attendance of parties)	10
		(1) Section 70(1), 'and'—	11
		omit, insert—	12
		, the chief executive and the	13
		(2) Section 70(5), 'Also, the'—	14
		omit, insert—	15
		The	16
		(3) Section 70(6), 'However, no-one'—	17
		omit, insert—	18
		No-one	19
Clause	60	Amendment of s 186 (Confidentiality of notifiers of harm or risk of harm)	20 21
		Section 186(2)—	22
		insert—	23
		(g) to the litigation director for the purposes of the director performing a function under the <i>Director of Child Protection Litigation Act</i> 2016.	24 25 26 27

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Clause	61	Amendment o	f s 212 (Application for transfer)	1
		Section 212	2, 'chief executive'—	2
		omit, insert	_	3
			litigation director	4
Clause	62	Amendment o	f s 225 (Application for transfer)	5
		Section 225	5(1)—	6
		omit, insert	_	7
		(1)	If there is a child protection proceeding pending in the Childrens Court, an application may be made to the court transferring the proceeding to the Childrens Court in a participating State.	8 9 10 11
			Note—	12
			Only the litigation director may make the application—see the <i>Director of Child Protection Litigation Act 2016</i> , section 10.	13 14 15
Clause	63	Amendment o	f s 227 (Notice of application)	16
		Section 227	7(1) and (2), 'applicant'—	17
		omit, insert		18
			chief executive	19
Clause	64	Amendment o transfer decis	f s 235 (Filing and registration of interstate ion)	20 21
		Section 235	5(3)—	22
		omit, insert	_	23
		(3)	Also, if an interstate government officer of the participating State is a party to the proceeding, the chief executive must file in the Childrens Court a notice stating that the litigation director is a party to the proceeding in place of the interstate government officer.	24 25 26 27 28 29

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Clause	65	Amendment of s 236 (Effect of registration of interstate transfer decision)		
		Section 236(2), 'authorised officer nominated under section 235(3)'—	3 4	
		omit, insert—	5	
		litigation director	6	
Clause	66	Amendment of s 238 (Revocation of registration)		
		(1) Section 238(1)—	8	
		insert—	9	
		(ab) the litigation director;	10	
		(2) Section 238(1)(ab) to (e)—	11	
		renumber as section 238(1)(b) to (f).	12	
Clause	67	Insertion of new ch 7A, pt 1, div 1, hdg		
		Chapter 7A, part 1, before section 246AA—	14	
		insert—	15	
		Division 1 Preliminary	16	
Clause	68	Replacement of s 246AA (Purpose)	17	
		Section 246AA—	18	
		omit, insert—	19	
		245 Purpose	20	
		(1) This chapter provides for a system of review of—	21	
		(a) the department's involvement with particular children who have since died or suffered serious physical injury; and	22 23 24	
		(b) the involvement of the office of the litigation director in performing a litigation function	25 26	

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				in relation to the children mentioned in paragraph (a).
		(2)	The	system includes—
			(a)	a review by the chief executive and, in certain circumstances, the litigation director; and
			(b)	a further independent review by a panel of appropriately qualified persons.
		(3)	The	purposes of requiring the reviews are—
			(a)	to facilitate ongoing learning and improvement in the provision of services by the department and the litigation director; and
			(b)	to promote the accountability of the department and the litigation director.
Clause 69	69	Insertion of ne	w ch	n 7A, pt 1, div 2, hdg and s 246
		Chapter 7A,	, part	1, before section 246A—
		insert—		
		Divisio	n 2	When reviews must be
				carried out
		246 App	olicat	tion of division
				division applies if a child dies or suffers ous physical injury.
lause	70			46A (Chief executive to review vement with particular children)
		(1) Section 246.	A, he	eading, 'particular children'—
		omit, insert-	_	
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(2) Section 246A(1)—

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		omit.			2
	(3)	Section 246	6A(2)	(e), 'subsection (3)'—	3
		omit, insert	<u>-</u>		4
			sub	section (2)	5
	(4)	Section 246	6A(2)	and (3)—	6
		renumber a	s sec	tion 246A(1) and (2).	7
	(5)	Section 246	бА—		8
		insert—			9
		(3)	perf chil dire as p	the litigation director is performing or has formed a litigation function in relation to the d, the chief executive must give notice to the actor of the requirement for the review as soon practicable after the chief executive becomes are of the requirement.	10 11 12 13 14 15
clause 71	Ins	ertion of ne	ew s	246AA	16
		After section	on 24	6A—	17
		insert—			18
				ation director to review office's ment in matter	19 20
			the	e litigation director must carry out a review of involvement of the office of the director in a ter relating to the child if—	21 22 23
			(a)	the chief executive gives notice to the litigation director under section 246A(3); and	24 25 26
			(b)	any of the following apply—	27
				(i) at the time of the child's death or serious physical injury, the litigation director is involved in performing a	28 29 30

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			litigation function in relation to the child; or	1 2
			(ii) within 1 year before the child's death or serious physical injury, the litigation director has performed a litigation function in relation to the child; or	3 4 5 6
			(iii) the chief executive requests the review in writing.	7 8
Clause	72	Insertion of new c	h 7A, pt 1, div 3, hdg and s 246AB	9
		Chapter 7A, par	t 1, before section 246B—	1
		insert—		1
		Division 3	Terms of reference and	1
			extent of reviews	1
		246AB Dec review	iding terms of reference and extent of	1
		exe	a review is to be carried out by the chief cutive, the chief executive must decide the ent of, and terms of reference for, the review.	1 1 1
		dire	a review is to be carried out by the litigation ector, the director must decide the extent of, I terms of reference for, the review.	1 2 2
Clause	73	Amendment of s 2 review)	246B (Terms of reference and extent of	2 2 2
		(1) Section 246B, h	eading—	2
		omit, insert—		2
		246B Chief	executive's review	2
		(2) Section 246B(1))—	2
		omit.		2

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	(3)	Section 246)B(2)	, 'subsection (1)'—	1
		omit, insert			2
			sect	ion 246AB(1)	3
	(4)	Section 24 terms of ref), 'Without limiting subsection (1)(b), the ce'—	4 5
		omit, insert	·		6
				o, without limiting section 246AB(1), the as of reference for the review	7 8
	(5)	Section 246	6B(2)	to (4)—	9
		renumber a	s sect	tion 246B(1) to (3).	10
Clause 74	Ins	ertion of ne	ew s	246BA	11
		After section	n 240	6B—	12
		insert—			13
		246BA I	Litiga	ation director's review	14
		(1)	may 246	hout limiting the matters the litigation director consider in making a decision under section AB(2), the terms of reference for the review include any of the following—	15 16 17 18
			(a)	considering whether the office of the litigation director complied with legislative requirements, guidelines made by the director under the <i>Director of Child Protection Litigation Act 2016</i> , section 39 and any policies relevant to the performance of a litigation function in relation to the child;	19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26
			(b)	commenting on the adequacy of the legislative requirements, guidelines and policies mentioned in paragraph (a) for performing litigation functions;	27 28 29 30
			(c)	commenting on whether sufficient evidence was made available to the office of the	31 32

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		litigation director for the purposes of making decisions under the <i>Director of Child Protection Litigation Act 2016</i> ;	1 2 3
		(d) making recommendations relating to the matters mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (c) and suggesting strategies to put into effect the recommendations.	4 5 6 7
		(2) In this section—	8
		<i>policies</i> include procedures, protocols, standards, systems and guidelines.	9 10
se	75	Amendment of s 246C (Chief executive may seek information from entities)	11 12
		(1) Section 246C, heading, after 'entities'—	13
		insert—	14
		for chief executive's review	15
		(2) Section 246C, 'the review'—	16
		insert—	17
		the chief executive's review	18
se	76	Insertion of new ch 7A, pt 1, div 4, hdg	19
		Chapter 7A, part 1, before section 246D—	20
		insert—	21
		Division 4 Preparing report for, and review by, review panel	22 23
se	77	Replacement of s 246D (Report to be prepared and given to review panel)	24 25
		Section 246D—	26
		omit, insert—	27

246D R	eport about review	1			
(1)	This section applies if the chief executive or litigation director is, under division 2, required to carry out a review.	2 3 4			
(2)	As soon as practicable, and not more than 6 months, after the triggering event for the review, the chief executive or litigation director must—	5 6 7			
	(a) complete the review; and	8			
	(b) prepare a report about the review; and	9			
	(c) give the following documents (the <i>original review documents</i>) to the review panel to which the review is allocated under section 246HF—	10 11 12 13			
	(i) a copy of the report under paragraph(b);	14 15			
	(ii) any documents obtained by the chief executive or litigation director and used for the review.	16 17 18			
(3)	If both the chief executive and litigation director are required to carry out a review for the same child, when complying with subsection (2)(c), the chief executive and director must also give a copy of the report about the review to each other.	19 20 21 22 23			
(4)	In this section—	24			
	triggering event means—				
	(a) for a review by the chief executive under section 246A(1)(a) to (d)—the chief executive becoming aware of the child's death or serious physical injury; or	26 27 28 29			
	(b) for a review by the chief executive under section 246A(1)(e)—the chief executive receiving the Minister's written request; or	30 31 32			
	(c) for a review by the litigation director under section 246AA(b)(i) or (ii)—the director	33 34			

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					receiving the chief executive's written notice of the chief executive's review under section 246A(3); or	1 2 3
				(d)	for a review by the litigation director under section 246AA(b)(iii)—the director receiving the chief executive's written request.	4 5 6 7
Clause	78		nendment of ormation)	fs2	46DA (Review panel may obtain further	8 9
		(1)	Section 246	DA(1), after 'chief executive'—	10
			insert—			11
				or li	tigation director	12
		(2)	Section 246	DA(2), after 'chief executive'—	13
			insert—			14
				or d	irector	15
		(3)	Section 246	DA(2), after 'this Act'—	16
			insert—			17
				or tl 201	ne Director of Child Protection Litigation Act 6	18 19
Clause	79	Re	placement o	of ss	246DB and 246DC	20
			Sections 24	6DB	and 246DC—	21
			omit, insert-	_		22
			246DB F	Revi	ew panel to conduct further review	23
			(1)		er receiving the original review documents, review panel must—	24 25
				(a)	review the chief executive's or litigation director's review (the <i>original review</i>); and	26 27
				(b)	decide the extent and terms of reference for its review.	28 29

(2)	The matters that the review panel may decide to consider in its review include the following—					
	(a)		atter within the terms of reference of the inal review;	3 4		
	(b)	for r	reviewing the chief executive's review—	5		
		(i)	ways of improving the department's practices relating to the delivery of services to children and families; and	6 7 8		
		(ii)	ways of improving the relationship between the department and other entities with functions involving children or families; and	9 10 11 12		
		(iii)	whether disciplinary action should be taken against a public service employee of the department in relation to the department's involvement with a child;	13 14 15 16 17		
	(c)		reviewing the litigation director's ew—	18 19		
		(i)	ways of improving the guidelines made by the litigation director under the Director of Child Protection Litigation Act 2016, section 39 and any other relevant policies; and	20 21 22 23 24		
		(ii)	ways of improving the relationship between the office of the litigation director and the department; and	25 26 27		
		(iii)	whether disciplinary action should be taken against a member of the director's staff in relation to the staff member's performance of a litigation function.	28 29 30 31 32		
(3)	SOOI	n as p	ew panel must complete its review as practicable, but not more than 6 months, iving the original review documents.	33 34 35		

	(4)	However, if both the chief executive and litigation director are required to carry out a review for the same child, the review panel must—	1 2 3
		(a) review the chief executive's and litigation director's reviews at the same time; and	4 5
		(b) complete its review not more than 6 months after receiving the last original review document relating to the reviews.	6 7 8
240	6DC F	Report of panel's review of chief executive's iew	9 10
	(1)	After reviewing the chief executive's review, but within the time required for completing its review under section 246DB, the review panel must prepare a report about its review and give the report to the chief executive.	11 12 13 14 15
	(2)	The chief executive—	16
		(a) may give a copy of the report to the litigation director; and	17 18
		(b) must give a copy of the report to the Minister if—	19 20
		(i) the chief executive's review was carried out at the request of the Minister under section 246A(2); or	21 22 23
		(ii) the Minister asks for a copy.	24
	(3)	If the Minister is given a copy of the report and the report includes a matter concerning the litigation director, the Minister must give a copy of the report to the Minister administering the <i>Director of Child Protection Litigation Act 2016</i> .	25 26 27 28 29
240		Report of panel's review of litigation ector's review	30 31
	(1)	After reviewing the litigation director's review,	32

			revi mus	within the time required for completing its ew under section 246DB, the review panel at prepare a report about its review and give the ort to the litigation director.	1 2 3 4
		(2)	The	litigation director—	5
			(a)	may give a copy of the report to the chief executive; and	6 7
			(b)	must give a copy of the report to the justice Minister if the justice Minister asks for it.	8 9
		(3)	and depa	the justice Minister is given a copy of the report the report includes a matter concerning the artment, the justice Minister must give a copy the report to the Minister.	10 11 12 13
		(4)	In th	nis section—	14
				ice Minister means the Minister ministering the Director of Child Protection gation Act 2016.	15 16 17
lause 80		endment o te Coroner		46H (Chief executive to give reports to	18 19
lause 80)	,	
lause 80	Sta	te Coroner) 6H(1)	,	19
lause 80	Sta	Section 246) 5H(1) —	,	19 20
lause 80	Sta	Section 246 omit, insert) 5H(1) —	<u> </u>	19 20 21
lause 80	Sta	Section 246 omit, insert) 5H(1) — This	s section applies if—	19 20 21 22
lause 80	Sta	Section 246 omit, insert) 5H(1) — This	s section applies if— a report is— (i) completed by the chief executive or litigation director under section 246D;	19 20 21 22 23 24 25

		(2) Section 246H(2), after 'chief executive'—	1
		insert—	2
		or litigation director	3
Clause	81	Amendment of s 246HA (Appointment)	4
		(1) Section 246HA(3)—	5
		insert—	6
		(aa) has expertise in litigation relating to child protection proceedings or proceedings of a similar nature; or	7 8 9
		(2) Section 246HA(3)(aa) and (b)—	1
		renumber as section 246HA(3)(b) and (c).	1
lause	82	Amendment of s 246HE (Establishment)	1
		Section 246HE, after 'chief executive's'—	1
		insert—	1
		or litigation director's	1
lause	83	Amendment of s 246HF (Allocation of reviews)	1
		Section 246HF(1)—	1
		omit, insert—	1
		(1) For each review carried out by the chief executive or litigation director under part 1, the Minister must establish a review panel or nominate an existing review panel to carry out a review of the chief executive's or director's review.	1 2 2 2 2 2
Clause	84	Amendment of s 246HH (Membership)	2
		Section 246HH(2)—	2
		insert—	2
Clause	84	must establish a review panel or nominate an existing review panel to carry out a review of the chief executive's or director's review. Amendment of s 246HH (Membership) Section 246HH(2)—	

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		(d) if the panel is established for reviewing a review by the litigation director—at least 1 person who has expertise in litigation relating to child protection proceedings or proceedings of a similar nature.	1 2 3 4 5
Clause	85	Amendment of s 246HJ (Quorum)	6
		(1) Section 246HJ—	7
		insert—	8
		(aa) if the panel's review relates to a review by the litigation director—at least 1 member who has expertise in litigation relating to child protection proceedings or proceedings of a similar nature; and	9 10 11 12 13
		(2) Section 246HJ(aa) and (b)—	14
		renumber as section 246HJ(b) and (c).	15
Clause	86	Amendment of s 246HK (Disclosure of interests)	16
		Section 246HK(6)—	17
		omit, insert—	18
		(6) If a disclosure under subsection (2) is relevant to a review the panel is conducting under section 246DB, the disclosure must be recorded in a report about the review prepared by the panel under section 246DC or 246DD.	19 20 21 22 23
Clause	87	Amendment of sch 3 (Dictionary)	24
		(1) Schedule 3—	25
		insert—	26
		<i>litigation function</i> , of the litigation director, means the following—	27 28

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			(a) a function that is or relates to dealing with a child protection matter under the <i>Director of Child Protection Litigation Act 2016</i> ;
			(b) a function mentioned in section 9(1) of that Act.
		(2)	Schedule 3, definition <i>original review documents</i> , 'section 246D(1)(c)'—
			omit, insert—
			section 246D(2)(c)
	Divis	sion	3 Amendment of Child Protection (International Measures) Act 2003
lause	88	Ac	t amended
			This division amends the <i>Child Protection (International Measures) Act 2003</i> .
lause	89		nendment of s 7 (Circumstances in which Queensland urt may exercise jurisdiction)
		(1)	Section 7(1)(a), 'department or the'—
			omit, insert—
			department, litigation director or
		(2)	Section 7(2), 'department'—
			omit, insert—
			department, litigation director
		(3)	Section 7(2), editor's note—
			omit.
Clause	90	Am	nendment of s 8 (Application of this part)
		(1)	Section 8, heading, 'this'—

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		omit.	1
		(2) Section 8(1) and (2), 'or the department'—	2
		omit, insert—	3
		, the department or the litigation director	4
Clause	91	Amendment of s 9 (Matters relating to jurisdiction for the person of a child)	5 6
		Section 9(2)(b)(iv) and (v) and (c)(iii) and (iv), 'the Queensland authority'—	7 8
		omit, insert—	9
		a Queensland court or the department	10
Clause	92	Amendment of s 11 (Limitations concerning prior proceedings in a Convention country)	11 12
		Section 11—	13
		insert—	14
		(4) If the Queensland authority is the litigation director, before the director exercises the jurisdiction, the director must be satisfied the department has used its best efforts to consult with the competent authorities in the Convention country to find out whether measures relating to the protection of the person of the child have been sought from the competent authorities.	15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22
Clause	93	Amendment of s 12 (If a Queensland authority is asked to assume jurisdiction)	23 24
		Section 12(1), after 'A Queensland authority'—	25
		insert—	26
		other than the litigation director	27

Clause	94		endment o tection me		3 (Action on receipt of foreign personal re)	1 2
		(1)	Section 23((2)—		3
			insert—			4
				(ca)	refer the matter to the litigation director for the director to exercise the director's jurisdiction under part 2;	5 6 7
		(2)	Section 23((2)(ca	ı) to (e)—	8
			renumber a	s sec	tion 23(2)(d) to (f).	9
		(3)	Section 23((5)—		10
			omit, insert	<u>;</u>		11
			(5)	app	erson who is interested in the following may ly to the court to be joined as a party to the ceeding—	12 13 14
				(a)	an application to a Queensland court made by the litigation director following a referral by the department under subsection (2)(d);	15 16 17
				(b)	an application to a Queensland court made by the department under subsection (2)(e).	18 19
Clause	95	Am	nendment o	of s 3	0 (Functions of department)	20
		(1)	Section 30((1)(c)	, 'or applying for,'—	21
			omit, insert	<u>;</u> —		22
					lying for or referring to the litigation director onsider applying for,	23 24
		(2)	Section 30((1)(h)	(ii)—	25
			insert—			26
				Note	<u>, </u>	27
				is A	an application to a Queensland court for a measure that a child protection order under the <i>Child Protection</i> ct 1999 may be made by the litigation director if a eferral is made to the director under the <i>Director of</i>	28 29 30 31

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				c		ration by the department as mentioned in	1 2 3
Clause	96	Am	endment o	f sc	h 4 (I	Dictionary)	4
		(1)	Schedule 4,	defi	nitior	Queensland authority—	5
			omit.				6
		(2)	Schedule 4-	_			7
			insert—				8
				Pro	tectio	n Litigation under the Director of Child	9 10 11
				Qu	eensl	and authority means—	12
				(a)	for mea	1 1	13 14
					(i)	a Queensland court; or	15
					(ii)	the department; or	16
					(iii)	protection measure for which the litigation director may perform a function or exercise a power under the Director of Child Protection Litigation	17 18 19 20 21 22
				(b)	for mea trus	sure—a Queensland court or the public	23 24 25
		(3)					26 27
			omit.				28

Division 4			Amendment of Childrens Court Act 1992					
Clause	97	Act	Act amended					
			This division	n amends the Childrens Court Act 1992.	4			
Clause	98	Am	Amendment of s 21A (Definitions for div 4)					
		(1)	Section 21A	_	6			
			insert—		7			
				chief executive (child safety) means the chief executive of the department responsible for administering the Child Protection Act 1999.	8 9 10			
		(2)	Section 21A	, definition relevant person—	11			
			insert—		12			
				(fa) if the proceeding is a child protection proceeding under the <i>Child Protection Act</i> 1999—the chief executive (child safety); or	13 14 15			
				(fb) the public guardian under the <i>Public Guardian Act 2014</i> ; or	16 17			
		(3)	Section 21A	.(1)(fa) to (g)—	18			
			renumber as	s section 21A(1)(g) to (i).	19			
Clause	99		endment of ceedings)	s 21D (Application for closed	20 21			
		(1)	Section 21D	0(1)(b) and (c)—	22			
			omit, insert-	_	23			
				(b) the chief executive (child safety).	24			
		(2)	Section 21D	0(3)—	25			
			omit.		26			

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	Divis	sion	5 Amendment of Family and Child Commission Act 2014	1 2
Clause	100	Act	t amended	3
			This division amends the Family and Child Commission Act 2014.	4 5
Clause	101	Am	endment of sch 1 (Dictionary)	6
		(1)	Schedule 1, definition relevant agency—	7
			insert—	8
			(ca) the Director of Child Protection Litigation under the <i>Director of Child Protection Litigation Act 2016</i> ;	9 10 11
		(2)	Schedule 1, definition <i>relevant agency</i> , paragraphs (ca) and (d)—	12 13
			renumber as paragraphs (d) and (e).	14
	Divis	sion	6 Amendment of Public Service Act 2008	15 16
Clause	102	Act	t amended	17
			This division amends the <i>Public Service Act 2008</i> .	18
Clause	103		nendment of sch 1 (Public service offices and their ads)	19 20
			Schedule 1—	21
			insert—	22

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	Section 3	2
`	safety) means the chief executive of the for administering the Child Protection	3 4 5
child in need of protect section 10.	tion see the Child Protection Act 1999,	6 7
child protection matter	see section 15(2).	8
-	means a child protection order under ct 1999, chapter 2, part 4, including—	9 10
(a) an order extend protection order;	ding, varying or revoking a child and	11 12
	under section 67 of that Act in relation or a child protection order.	13 14
Child Protection Act	<i>reding</i> means a proceeding under the 1999 for the making, extension, on of a child protection order.	15 16 17
confidential informatio	on—	18
(a) includes informat	tion about a person's affairs; but	19
could not reaso	e statistical or other information that nably be expected to result in the the person to whom the information	20 21 22 23
director means the Dappointed under this A	irector of Child Protection Litigation ct.	24 25
information, for part 4	division 2, see section 22.	26

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