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Dear Committee Secretary

Thank you for providing the Queensland Family and Child Commission (QFCC) with the opportunity to make a submission to the inquiry into the Meriba Omasker Kaziw Kazipa (Torres Strait Islander Traditional Child Rearing Practice) Bill 2020.

The QFCC would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the importance of this Bill in giving legal recognition to Ailan Kastom child rearing practice, in a framework that supports the wellbeing and best interests of children.

We are particularly pleased to note the extensive consultation process that has led to this significant outcome. It sets a high standard of respect for the cultural diversity of families in Queensland and may encourage efforts to recognise child rearing practices in other communities.

If you or your officers have any queries in relation to this matter they may contact Mark Strong, Director, Office of the Commissioners, on [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

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Cheryl Vardon  
**Principal Commissioner**  
**Queensland Family and Child Commission**

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