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Dear Valued Stakeholder

I am writing to seek your assistance to promote the attached expression of interest regarding the Child Death Review Board (the Board) within your organisation and to suitably qualified persons.

The *Child Death Review Legislation Amendment Act 2020* (the Amendment Act) was passed by Parliament on 5 February 2020 and is expected to commence by proclamation on 1 July 2020. The Amendment Act implements the Government response to the Queensland Family and Child Commission report: *A systems review of individual agency findings following the death of a child*, which recommended the Government 'consider a revised external and independent model for reviewing the deaths of children known to the child protection system'.

The Amendment Act establishes the Child Death Review Board (the Board) under the *Family and Child Commission Act 2014*. The main functions of the Board are to:

- carry out reviews relating to the child protection system following child deaths connected to the system; and
- to make recommendations about improvements to systems, policies and practices for implementation by government and non-government entities that provide services to, or otherwise interact with, children and their families.

The Amendment Act provides that the Minister may appoint a person as member of the Board if satisfied the person is eligible and suitable for appointment. A person is eligible for appointment to the Board, if the person:

- (a) has expertise in the field of paediatrics and child health, forensic pathology, mental health, investigations or child protection;
- (b) has expertise in litigation relating to child protection proceedings or proceedings of a similar nature; or
- (c) is otherwise, because of the person's qualifications, experience or membership of an entity, likely to make a valuable contribution to the work of the board.

The Amendment Act provides that the Minister must ensure that the Board's membership:

- (a) reflects the social and cultural diversity of the Queensland community;
- (b) includes at least one Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person; and
- (c) includes persons with a range of experience, knowledge or skills relevant to the board's functions; and

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It would be appreciated if you could disseminate and promote this expression of interest within your organisation/membership and to suitably qualified persons you believe could make a valuable contribution to the Board.

Further details regarding appointments to the Board are in the attached information pack and can also be accessed at <https://www.qld.gov.au/about/join-a-board>.

Thank you for your assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Yvette D'ATH', written in a cursive style.

**YVETTE D'ATH MP**

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