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Good Afternoon

I am writing to express my support for the *Care and Protection of Children Legislation Amendment (Every Child Matters) Bill 2026* as it places children's safety, stability and wellbeing at the centre of decision-making.

The Bill strengthens early intervention, promotes shared accountability with parents, and ensures timely, child-focused decisions that prioritise long-term stability and permanency.

Importantly, I believe it provides clearer guidance for practitioners, enhances support for families before issues escalate, and improves safeguards through stronger legal representation for children.

Overall, these reforms represent a balanced and proactive approach to improving outcomes for vulnerable children and families in the Northern Territory.

Yours sincerely
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