



**South Australian
Child & Family Health
Nurses Association**

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Dear Commission Secretary

***Re: Inquiry into the Australian Human Rights Commission
Amendment (National Children's Commissioner) Bill 2012***

The South Australian Child and Family Health Nurses Association appreciates the opportunity to make a submission to a parliamentary inquiry regarding the Australian Human Rights Commission Amendment (National Children's Commissioner) Bill 2012 (the Bill).

The SA Branch of Child and Family Health Nurses is the professional peak body representing the professional opinions of Child and Family Health Nurses in South Australia. It seeks to advocate for children and families through supporting the profession of child and family health nurses.

The Committee of the SA Child and Family Health Nurses Association welcomes the establishment of a National Children's Commissioner (the Commissioner) and supports the Bill to amend the Australian Human Rights Commission Act 1986 to establish the office of a National Children's Commissioner within the Australian Human Rights Commission.

The amendment to the Bill will ensure that the children have advocacy at the national level to support their wellbeing and development. The change is congruent with the growing evidence that investing in our children will ensure better health and welfare outcomes for our future societies.

Regards

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