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The Secretary Standing Committee on family and Human Services Inquiry into Adoption of children from Overseas

Dear Sir/Madam

We are members of the Queensland Taiwan Support Group, having recently returned from Taiwan to pick up our gorgeous daughter.

We believe that the Federal Government can better assist Australian couples and Australian children born in Taiwan, by allowing these children to travel home to be with their parents after the *Initial Court Decree* has been issued (as happens in Holland with the Dutch Government).

We also believe that ALL families should be entitled to the Maternity Allowance as most children arrive in Australia after 26 weeks of age. The age should be lifted for all adoptive parents as major costs are still incurred no matter what age.

If you have any queries regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Faithfully

Glen & Karen Lohman