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To whom it may concern,

I fully support the ability of same-sex couples to adopt children from overseas. The adoption process should look at what is the best interests of children. The current drive to ban adoption is driven by an ideology that says same-sex couples do not make good parents, despite the amount of respectable research that says that children raised in same-sex parent households are no better or worse off than those raised in opposite sex parent households.

Children are not trophies. To suggest that same-sex couples are after trophies is as disrespectful of their desire to raise children as it would be to suggest that opposite sex couples are only after trophies, given their desire to raise children.

I do not believe parents give up their children lightly. But it would be better for children who are living in overseas orphanages to be given a chance at a better life and be raised by loving same-sex parents in Australia than to remain in the orphanage.

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