

Legislative Council

ADOPTION BILL

Amendments agreed to in Committee of the Whole
10 October 2000

- Oppn** No. 1 Page 5, clause 8 (2). Insert after line 25:
- (d) any disability that the child has,
- BFFC** No. 2 Page 33, clause 58. Insert after line 31:
- (4) Consent given by a birth parent who is less than 18 years of age is not effective if it appears to the Court that the birth parent did not have the benefit of independent legal advice concerning the adoption before the instrument of consent was signed by the birth parent.
- R Jones** No. 3 Page 37, clause 67 (1) (c), lines 17-19. Omit all words on those lines. Insert instead:
- (c) if the person is a parent or guardian of the child—there is serious cause for concern for the welfare of the child and it is in the best interests of the child to override the wishes of the parent or guardian.
- R Jones** No. 4 Page 53, clause 90 (3), line 12. Omit “make better provision for”. Insert instead “be clearly referable in”.
- BFFC** No. 5 Page 71, clause 122 (1), line 3. Insert “(including a birth parent)” after “person”.
- BFFC** No. 6 Page 73, clause 124. Insert after line 16:
- (3) If the Court requires the attendance of a birth mother under section 121, the Court must appoint a guardian ad litem for the birth mother if she is less than 18 years of age.
- CDP** No. 7 Page 105, clause 184, line 6. Insert “, or exerts any other undue influence on,” after “kind to”.
- BFFC** No. 8 Page 105, clause 184. Insert after line 16:
- (2) A person who uses or threatens to use any force or restraint or does or threatens to do any injury, or causes or threatens to cause any detriment

of any kind to a child with a view:

- (a) to influencing the child in the expression of any wishes concerning his or her adoption, or
- (b) to inducing the child to consent to his or her adoption, or
- (c) to inducing the child to revoke consent to his or her adoption, is guilty of an offence.

Maximum penalty: 25 penalty units or imprisonment for 12 months, or both.

CDP

No. 9

Page 105, clause 185. Insert after line 22:

- (b) being satisfied that the person signing the instrument is doing so free from any threat, inducement or influence of a kind referred to in section 184, and
