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Dear Dr Solomon

Thank you for advising me of the publication of the discussion paper prepared by the Independent Review Panel in response to the review of the *Freedom of Information Act 1992*.

I note that the Department of Justice and Attorney-General (JAG) is co-ordinating the whole of Government response to the discussion paper. JAG has recently provided the Department of Child Safety with a consultation draft of its response for review and comment.

The Department supports the draft response prepared by JAG. In particular, the Department supports the decision to retain the phrase 'personal affairs' in the *Freedom of Information Act 1992*, as to replace it with 'personal information' would expand the scope of the exemption in s.44(1) and create unnecessary confusion.

Yours sincerely

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