



# The Hon Ray Williams MP

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**Member for Castle Hill**  
**Minister for Multiculturalism and**  
**Minister for Disability Services**

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## MEDIA RELEASE

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**24 October 2017**

### **SHAPING A BETTER CHILD PROTECTION SYSTEM**

Member for Castle Hill Ray Williams has welcomed the release of a discussion paper – Shaping a Better Child Protection System – that examines how adoptions and Children’s Court proceedings could be streamlined to ensure more children are quickly given permanency and a safe and loving home for life.

In the paper, the Government outlines proposed amendments to the Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1998 (NSW) and the Adoption Act 2000 (NSW).

The amendments were being considered to Build on reform underway and strengthen legislation that promotes permanency through preservation, restoration and open adoption.

The NSW Government wants an adoption and child protection system that firmly places the child at the centre of everything we do.

“I urge everyone in Castle Hill to have their say on this discussion paper,” Mr Williams said.

“I hope the proposals will generate thoughtful discussion on reform that is so critically important to NSW, and that is the safety and wellbeing of our most vulnerable children,” Mr Williams said.

How to have your say on the Shaping a Better Child Protection System discussion paper

Online: Follow the link on the Have Your Say website to the online submission form

Email: [childprotectionDP@facs.nsw.gov.au](mailto:childprotectionDP@facs.nsw.gov.au)  
Subject: ‘Shaping a Better Child Protection System’

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Have your say by 5pm on 30 November 2017.

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