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Dear Professor Smith

Thank you for your letter dated 15 April 2021, co-signed by Mr Simon Schrapel and Ms Leigh Sterling, Convenors, Every Child, and Ms Joanne Toohey, Chief Executive Officer, The Benevolent Society, regarding the Australian and New Zealand School of Government (ANZSOG) and the Systems Leadership for Child and Youth Well-being project. I have been requested to reply to you on behalf of the Premier and Minister for Trade.

The Premier was pleased to hear of the bipartisan support your project has garnered across the public sector, community and corporate sectors and that Queensland's support has been instrumental in the success of the first stage of this important project.

In addition, the Premier appreciated you providing a copy of the Stage 1 report - *ANZSOG Every Child Stage 1 Synthesis Report*, which canvasses challenges, opportunities and key reform directions to improve child and youth wellbeing, at a systems level. The Premier also appreciates your advice that stage one feedback indicated there is considerable support for greater coordination and collaboration and for less fragmentation of current systems initiatives in the area of child and adolescent health, wellbeing and development.

Thank you for seeking the Premier's endorsement and encouragement for continuing Queensland Government participation as you move to the next stage of your project, which will focus on identifying practical systems leadership and reform opportunities and to facilitate participation in a community of practice to share learnings and lessons.

Given her lead responsibility for children and young people, you are encouraged to liaise directly with the Honourable Leanne Linard MP, Minister for Children and Youth Justice and Minister for Multicultural Affairs, and her department, to facilitate Queensland Government participation in this next stage of work. To assist, a copy of your letter has been forwarded to Minister Linard for her consideration.

Again, thank you for writing, and the Premier looks forward to receiving your report on this next stage of work when it is available and thanks you for your ongoing work and commitment to improving outcomes for children and young people.

Yours sincerely

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