

**QUEENSLAND**

***Oaths Act 1867***

**Statutory declaration – existing Independent Children’s Lawyer and Separate Representative**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

in the State of Queensland, Solicitor, do solemnly and sincerely declare as follows:

1. I hold a current unrestricted practising certificate from the Queensland Law Society and will provide a copy if requested to do so.
2. I hold, or have applied for, a Working with Children Clearance ("blue card"). A copy of the blue card, or evidence that an application has been made, is attached to my application.
3. I have disclosed/will disclose any substantiated complaints made to the Legal Services Commission, any previous criminal convictions and any ongoing investigations against me.
4. I can demonstrate a sound understanding of the principles and skills required and a capacity to undertake:
  - Independent Children’s Lawyer work, if applying for inclusion on the Independent Children’s Lawyer sub panel and/or
  - Separate Representative work, if applying for inclusion on the Separate Representative sub panel.
5. I agree to undertake:
  - any advanced Independent Children’s Lawyer training and/or Separate Representative training and/or child protection masterclass training
  - particular hours of continuing professional development in the area of family law and/or child protection lawas nominated by Legal Aid Queensland from time to time.
6. I agree to sign an undertaking which provides that when performing Independent Children’s Lawyer and/or Separate Representative work I will not normally delegate the work, except as provided in the undertaking.
7. I have notified Legal Aid Queensland of any changes to my business address, business operations or structure as required under Clause 6.9 of the Independent Children’s Lawyer & Separate Representative agreement.
8. I agree to sign the Independent Children’s Lawyer & Separate Representative agreement and abide by its conditions.
9. I understand I may be required to meet selection criteria applying to new applicants and/or may be required to interview with the Independent Children’s Lawyer and Separate Representative Suitability Assessment Committee or provide professional referees if Legal Aid Queensland requires.

I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the provisions of the *Oaths Act 1867*.

**I declare the contents of this statutory declaration are true and correct. Where the contents of this declaration are based on information and belief, the contents are true to the best of my knowledge and I have stated the source of that information and grounds for the belief.**

**I understand it is a criminal offence to provide a false matter in a declaration, for example, the offence of perjury under section 123 of the Criminal Code.**

I state this declaration was made, signed and witnessed under part 6A of the *Oaths Act 1867*.

**DECLARED** by

.....  
[insert full name of declarant]

.....  
[signature of declarant]

at .....  
[insert place where declarant is located]

.....  
[date]

In the presence of:

.....  
[insert full name of witness]

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[signature of witness]

at .....  
[insert type of witness]

.....  
[date]

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[insert name of law practice / place of employment]