

## Education (General Provisions) (Extension of Primary Schools in Remote Areas) Amendment Bill 2023

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Dear Chair,

**RE: Submission to the *Education (General Provisions) (Extension of Primary Schools in Remote Areas) Amendment Bill 2023***

Thank you for this opportunity to provide a submission to the *Education (General Provisions) (Extension of Primary Schools in Remote Areas) Amendment Bill 2023*, which is currently being reviewed by the Education, Employment and Training Committee.

I would like to extend the Boulia Shire Council's overall support for this Bill, which we believe has the potential to significantly improve educational access in Queensland's rural and remote communities, including our own.

We broadly agree with the Bill's premise that there is a need for the Queensland Government to address the long-standing and unique issues impacting access to education opportunities for remote Queensland families who, as a result of living in a community where the State does not provide a high school, are left with a suite of often-unsatisfactory options for their children when it becomes time for them to commence senior schooling.

We agree these issues contribute to a myriad of negative consequences for remote children and their families, and rural communities more broadly, such as early abandonment of education, poor educational outcomes, loss of social interaction and opportunities, negative psychological impacts and population drift from the bush to larger centres.

We believe that one way to address these issues would be the adoption of this Bill, and applaud Mr Katter for his initiative in developing this solution. We look forward to the Committee's consideration, and hopefully favourable opinion, of this Bill and encourage the secretariat to reach out if we can be of any **other assistance**.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Eric ( Rick ) Britton  
Mayor of Boulia Shire

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