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The behaviour in schools at the moment is significantly impacting the learning and safety of those who want to be there. To add more red tape to the suspension process will tie up more time of staff and create an additional layer of compliance to the already last resort process of suspensions. You need to come up with solutions to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all students and staff in schools rather than prioritising the minority who are negatively impacting others. Until you ensure that every school is resourced appropriately to support the additional needs and complexity of the current students, adding more layers of compliance does not seem appropriate. When will students and staff be able to attend schools without fear for their own safety? When will all schools be supported with the resources to ensure all needs are met? When will occupational violence for school staff become a priority? When will the rights of students who want to learn be supported? Teachers are leaving in droves and parents are moving their children to private schools to avoid the extreme behaviours that are occurring in schools every single day. Students in classes are experiencing their own trauma from the behaviour of other students.