## Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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Submitted by:

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## **Submitter Comments:**

I am writing to discuss the proposed amendments outlined in the Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024, with a particular focus on the alterations to the accumulative suspension review process. It has come to my attention that the proposed changes will have significant implications for the safety and well-being of students and staff within our educational institutions. By disrupting the structured approach currently in place these amendments will inadvertently undermine the fundamental principles of maintaining safe and supportive school environments. The proposed changes to the accumulative suspension process are concerning because they would allow for the review of every minor suspension. We strongly advocate for the retention of the current system and urge against altering the bill. Altering this process without due consideration for its implications could result in increased challenges for educators, particularly amidst the prevalent teacher shortage. Such changes may further exacerbate the burden on school staff and leaders, detracting from their ability to effectively manage disciplinary matters and provide necessary support to students. In light of these concerns, I respectfully urge you to voice these concerns in the review process. It is imperative that any changes made prioritise the preservation of safe and supportive school environments while ensuring adequate support for both students and educators. Thank you for your attention to this matter. I trust that you will give due consideration to the implications of these proposed amendments and take appropriate action to safeguard the interests of all stakeholders involved.