



**INDEPENDENT EDUCATION UNION OF AUSTRALIA
QUEENSLAND AND NORTHERN TERRITORY
BRANCH**

SUBMISSION

in response to

Education Legislation Amendment Bill 2012

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Introduction

The Independent Education Union of Australia – Queensland and Northern Territory Branch (IEUA-QNT) welcomes the opportunity to provide our submission in response to the *Education Legislation Amendment Bill 2012*.

IEUA-QNT consistently engages in discourse involving all aspects of the education process at both State and National levels through our Council, Committees, Branches and Chapters (groups of registered and practising teachers).

IEUA-QNT represents teachers, support staff and ancillary staff in non-government education institutions in Queensland and the Northern Territory. IEUA-QNT currently has a membership of approximately 16,000.

Response to the Bill

IEUA-QNT does not oppose the proposed changes contained in the Bill.

In particular, our union welcomes the clarity that the proposed change to the *Education (General Provisions) Act 2006* would bring to ensure Section 204 of the *Criminal Code* should not apply to teachers who fail to report a likelihood of future sexual abuse.

Conclusion

As we speak for our members in the Queensland non-government education sector we are pleased to contribute this comment.