



Non-State Schools
Accreditation Board

6 May 2013

Ms Rosemary Menkens MP
Chair
Education and Innovation Committee
Parliament House
George Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000



Dear Ms Menkens

I refer to the 24 April 2013 letter from the Education and Innovation Committee to the Non-State Schools Accreditation Board in regard to the Committee's inquiry into the Education Legislation Amendment Bill 2013.

The Board's particular interest in this inquiry is confined to matters related to its functions under the *Education (Accreditation of Non-State Schools) Act 2001*, viz. the proposed amendments concerning year 7.

At the outset, the Board wishes to acknowledge the comprehensive consultation initiated by the Honourable John-Paul Langbroek MP, Minister for Education, Training and Employment during development of the Bill. The officers of the Minister's department gave generously of their time and expertise, and promptly and competently addressed the issues raised by the Board.

The year 7 related provisions in the Bill are supported by the Board.

In its opinion, the Bill's transition provisions are a practical and sensible approach for non-State schools already accredited for secondary education (with year 8), and also for stand-alone non-State primary schools (with year 7).

The governing bodies of all eligible schools will be able to action changes in accreditation, and Government-funding eligibility, with minimal effort and in a substantially shorter period of time than would otherwise be the case.

Also, the Board is satisfied that the transition provisions are appropriate in respect of the performance of its statutory functions and the discharge of its duties.

Members of the Board have asked me to thank the Committee for the opportunity to comment on the Bill.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vi McLean".

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