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

Dear Ms Menkens

Thank you for providing the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian with the opportunity to comment on the *Education and Care Services Bill* 2013.

The Commission supports the Bill which establishes a new regulatory framework for Queensland education and care (QEC) services administered under the *Child Care Act 2002* and makes consequential amendments to the *Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000* (the Commission's Act).

The amendments to the Commission's Act will maintain current safeguards and protections for children participating in QEC services by requiring providers and employees to hold a blue card and preserving notification requirements when the Commissioner becomes aware that a QEC service provider or an adult occupant of a home in which stand-alone child care is provided is a disqualified person under the blue card system.

Should you require any further information, please contact Ms Adrienne Schneider on 3211 6863 or email <u>Adrienne.schneider@ccypcg.qld.gov.au</u>.

Yours sincerely

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