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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 your letter dated 20 August 2013 inviting me to comment on the Education (Strengthening Discipline in State Schools) Amendment Bill 2013 (the Bill).

I have had the opportunity to consider the Bill and my office has also received a briefing on these proposed changes. I generally support the approaches put forward but will be interested to see the figures on the numbers of suspensions, exclusions and cancellations of enrolment which occur over time as this data will indicate how effective these changes are in improving outcomes for children and young people. This data will also assist to highlight those schools and students requiring additional support.

It will also be beneficial if information is able to be extracted from the suspension and exclusion data to identify those students who are in the child protection system and for this information to be made regularly available. I have previously conveyed these suggestions to the relevant officers in the Department of Education, Training and Employment.

I appreciate the opportunity to contribute to the inquiry process and should you require any further information please contact Ms Adrienne Schneider on [REDACTED] or email [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

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Acting Commissioner for Children and Young People  
and Child Guardian