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

Dear Ms Menkens,

**FEEDBACK ON THE INQUIRY INTO THE EDUCATION (STRENGTHENING DISCIPLINE IN STATE SCHOOLS)
AMENDMENT BILL 2013**

P&Cs Qld appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback on the Inquiry into the Education (Strengthening Discipline in State Schools) Amendment Bill 2013. We have provided our feedback to the Department of Education, Training and Employment and welcome the initiative to develop and provide clear guidelines to schools for school discipline.

In our initial feedback to Department of Education, Training and Employment we recommended the following: Provision for parents to report to the school any indiscipline that is taking place whether it is students, teachers or general community who have access to school.

Further to the above feedback we like to make the following comments:

We believe schools should be provided support through additional resources such as comprehensive relationship building programs, bullying awareness programs, bullying management plans and additional staffing. P&Cs Qld wishes for a collaborative process with a more empowered principal, to set the school behaviour management policy within the Department's guidelines. We believe the school governance body plays an important role in setting out the school's behaviour management plan.

In general P&Cs Qld support the Education (Strengthening Discipline in State Schools) Amendment Bill 2013. Thank you once again for the opportunity to contribute to the inquiry. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you
Yours sincerely,



Peter Levett
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