

Education and Innovation Committee
Parliament House
Brisbane Qld 4000

Dear Panel

I am a Science and Maths teacher with 28 years of experience in the classroom and am deeply concerned about the current state of the Queensland syllabi. Whilst I could give a detailed outline of my concerns, it would be no different from the many negative comments already submitted to the Inquiry. The reason for my submission is to register the fact that I do not support the current system.

I believe that the current system is open to compromise at all levels. Student ownership cannot be proven and it is common knowledge in schools that students are paying tutors to do their assignments. This is mainly due to the fact that students are overloaded with assignments and are always busy completing tasks that are largely irrelevant. Of course, this takes students away from their homework and study and it is not unusual for students to completing 3 or 4 assignment in the week prior to exams. Hence, they have no time to actually study.

The Review Panels do not function in the way that the QSA would lead you to believe and panellists do their best to try to make some sense out of a system that does not work. Many panellists have resigned because the stress is just too much.

The current system is not fair to anyone involved and is not producing positive results for Queensland. It is time to implement a system that actually works.

Regards



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