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The Parliamentary Committee into the Assessment Methods for Maths, Chemistry and Physics. To the Committee Members

In the name of Political Correctness we are unable offend the next generation of Australians that are sitting for Senior exams in Mathematics and Science.

All the students in school exams should be assessed on their merits and compared to their peers, just as the competitors in any race are recognised as coming first, second etc. Instead of marking students exam papers with "A","B","C" etc. the student should be given marks out of 100 that can be totalled and compared to all in the State of Queensland that are sitting for that particular exam.

We are not all equal, we all can't come first but we can all try as hard as we can to achieve the very best we are capable of doing.

The system of marking student papers with "A", "B", "C" etc. Is not fair to the better performing student and a prospective employer.

In closing, I hope the Committee will consider my submission and remember what Queensland students achieved in the past and go back to a tried and proven record of excellent performance. As Confucius tells us "It's no good running harder if you are on the wrong road."

Yours Sincerely

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