

Dear Mrs Menkins

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment related to the *Education (Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority) Bill 2013*.

As you may be aware, the Australian Skills Quality Authority, ASQA, is the national regulator of Australia's vocational education and training (VET) sector. ASQA currently delegates certain VET regulatory functions to the Queensland Studies Authority.

While ASQA has no comment to offer on the policy intent of the Bill, it does note that the Bill (at section 19) contains a function for the proposed new authority, the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority, to accept a delegation from ASQA (i.e. a delegation made under section 224 of the *National Vocational Education and Training Regulator Act 2011*). That function is similar to the existing provision detailed at section 14 of the *Education (Queensland Studies Authority) Act 2002* related to the functions of the Queensland Studies Authority.

ASQA supports the inclusion of that provision as a function of the new authority as it puts beyond doubt the authority's capacity to legitimately accept a delegation from ASQA.

Yours sincerely

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