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Mrs Rosemary Menkens MP
Chair
Education and Innovation Committee
Queensland Parliament
Parliament House
Cnr George and Alice Streets
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Dear Mrs Menkens

Thank you for providing the Queensland Family and Child Commission with the opportunity to provide feedback on the *Education and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2014*.

After reviewing the Bill I am supportive of the proposed amendments to support improvements in school safety and enhance localised decision-making and school autonomy. These changes should support improvements in school safety by strengthening the powers of principals to deal with 'hostile' persons; restricting mature age student enrolments to age appropriate settings and permitting the Chief Executive of the Department of Education, Training and Employment to obtain information from the Queensland Police Service about charges and convictions to assist principals with disciplinary decisions.

If you or your officers have any queries in relation to this matter please contact



Yours sincerely

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