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EDUCATION AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2014

1. Letters Patent Schools

The amendments allow governing bodies established by letters patent to nominate additional persons as a director.

Applies to governing bodies established under the *Religious Educational and Charitable Institutions Act 1861*.

Covers three Catholic governing bodies:

1. The Roman Catholic Trust Corporation of the Diocese of Cairns
2. The Roman Catholic Trust Corporation of the Diocese of Rockhampton
3. The Roman Catholic Trust Corporation of the Diocese of Townsville

Nomination is optional and is supported.

A penalty is applied (20 units) if a new nominated director is not notified within 14 days (clause 9).

This penalty only applies to letters patent schools established under the *Religious Educational and Charitable Institutions Act 1861*, a very small percentage of total schools (Approximately 11 out of 150 governing bodies).

If other schools change directors and fail to notify, no penalty is applied.

In terms of legislative consistency, It is suggested that penalties should apply in a uniform manner for all non-state school governing bodies.

2. Special Assistance Schools

Amendments to streamline the current approval process for Special Assistance Schools are supported.

'Special Assistance' will be a type of education and temporary sites may be established.

A regulation may limit the period for which a temporary site may be operated (60C [2]).

It is suggested that a process be included for application for extension of the time limit for a temporary site in the case of unforeseen circumstances. Currently there is no provision for this.

3. Directions to hostile persons

These provisions, which apply to State and non-state schools, are supported.

4. Compulsory schooling exemption

Amendments to give non-state school principals the power to grant exemptions from compulsory schooling are supported.