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Dear Mr Shine

Kerry,

On 2 August 2011, I introduced the Education and Training Legislation Amendment Bill 2011 to enhance student protection measures and confidence in the teaching profession by strengthening the law relating to the cancellation of teacher registration and prohibitions on applying for registration where a person has a criminal history.

I have decided the Bill should be amended to ensure there are no teachers working in Queensland schools who have been convicted of serious offences and sentenced to imprisonment, irrespective of when the conviction occurred.

Under the proposal, teachers with convictions for serious offences, irrespective of date of conviction or sentence of imprisonment, will have their registration cancelled. Those teachers who were not sentenced to imprisonment will be able to seek an eligibility declaration from the Queensland College of Teachers in order to be able to re-apply for registration. This process will enable the College to consider whether exceptional circumstances exist in their cases.

Yours sincerely

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