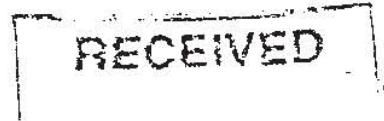




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The Honourable Gary Fenlon MLA
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Strategic Review of the Queensland Ombudsman
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Dear Mr Fenlon

I refer to your letter of 13 August 1998 to the Honourable Dean Wells MLA regarding a review of the findings and recommendations of the *Report of the Strategic Review of the Queensland Ombudsman*, which was tabled in the Legislative Assembly on 6 May 1998.

The Executive Summary and Summary of Recommendations have been perused by officers of the Council and by the Council itself. Whilst the Council has no direct comments to make regarding the recommendations in general, it is noted that recommendation 6 refers to a need "to make the community and government agencies more aware of the role, including powers, and limitation on powers, of the Queensland Ombudsman.

The Queensland School Curriculum Council is responsible for the development of high quality curriculum for the P-10 years of schooling. Within the key learning area of Studies of Society and Environment, there will be opportunities to focus on the role and contributions of the Ombudsman in curriculum materials (sourcebooks) to be developed to support the syllabus. The sourcebooks will contain a range of teaching and learning activities for students.

The values underlying the Years 1-10 Studies of Society and Environment Syllabus and optional syllabuses for Years 9-10 (including Civics), which are currently being developed, emphasise the democratic process, social justice, economic and ecological sustainability and peace. There is potential to raise awareness of the role of the Ombudsman with students in Queensland schools through this key learning area.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Strategic Review of the Ombudsman.

Yours sincerely

PETER BURROUGHS
Chair

