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Committee Secretary  
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Dear Committee Secretary

**RE: Medicines and Poisons Bill 2019**

The Queensland Catholic Education Commission (QCEC) provides this submission on the *Medicines and Poisons Bill 2019*, to help inform the Committee's consideration of the Bill.

QCEC is the peak strategic body with state-wide responsibilities for Catholic schooling in Queensland. This submission is provided on behalf of the five Diocesan Catholic school authorities and 17 Religious Institutes and other incorporated bodies which, between them, operate a total of 306 Catholic schools that educate more than 149,000 students in Queensland.

QCEC supports the objects of the Bill to protect the public from harm, reduce red tape and improve the flexibility for users of the system.

QCEC's welcomes the provisions made at *Chapter 4 108 – 110 Substance Management Plans* as a co-regulatory tool included in the Bill and which will continue to provide the necessary flexibility required by Queensland Catholic schools in the nomination of a person who is responsible for making, implementing and reviewing a substance management plan.

Queensland Health provides critical supports to enable schools to develop, deliver and review substance management plans. QCEC wishes to highlight to the Committee the importance and our appreciation of this continued support which assists schools to continue to focus on the safety and wellbeing of children and students who are subject to these plans.

Yours sincerely

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