

*Dear Committee Members,*

*NAPLAN is especially important to Qld. Qld is the ONLY state without external subject exams in Senior. So NAPLAN testing in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 is the only national exam Qld has to benchmark its schools' performance against other States.*

*This nationwide external exam has been extremely helpful in exposing an urgent need to fix the woeful numeracy and literacy standards in Queensland schools.*

*Yours sincerely,*

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