

Committee Secretary,
Senate Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Committees,
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Attention: Secretary of Senate Committee concerning: Teaching and Learning (maximising our investment in Australian schools)

I wish to give my full support to the submission prepared by Mr. Phil Cullen and forwarded to your committee. A copy of his submission is attached. I have considered extensively the preparation of this submission and have read it totally. I fully concur with Mr Cullen's sentiments and recommend these to you.

Mr. Cullen has had practical experience in teaching and learning practices in Queensland schools for well over three decades. He has spent many years as a primary school principal, a district inspector and finally as one of the most respected Directors of Primary Education ever. He has been involved in leading educational thinking both in the schools setting as well as at the highest level of educational administration in Queensland. By invitation, he has been exposed internationally to the most senior educational leaders in the world. In his retirement, he has given his expert advice openly and freely to all kinds of educational reformers and innovators. I sincerely hope and trust the Senate Committee will show him the respect he deserves and will note his professional opinions.

My own experience in teaching and learning in Queensland schools includes twelve years as the principal of small schools in the country, five years as a high school teacher, five years as a secondary deputy principal and twelve years as a secondary principal mainly in a large metropolitan high school. I have also served as a secondary inspector and, before my retirement, as a divisional director with the Education Department. After retirement, I have served as an educational consultant to a large interstate developer and to the Christian Brothers in Brisbane. I have known and respected Phil Cullen professionally since 1969.

Faithfully yours,
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