

Members of Portfolio Committee No. 3 Education

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To the Members of the Education Committee,

Thank you again for the opportunity to discuss our submission to the inquiry on the Education Legislation Amendment (Parental Rights) Bill this week. We appreciate the opportunity to contribute the views of children and young people to the discussion.

As mentioned in the hearing, there was limited scope for us to conduct consultation with children and young people in preparation for the submission given the timing of the invitation to submit, the fact that the school term was only just beginning partway through that period and the existing obligations of our office.

We are confident that our submission reflected the views of children and young people in NSW, also noting that it aligned with other findings we have had generally about the need for schools to be inclusive places. However, we did note that the consultation we conducted was smaller than our regular consultation processes, which are usually conducted over a period of months.

Given this, if the Committee feels further consultation would be useful in its deliberations, we are happy to discuss how further consultation could be conducted.

If you would like to discuss this further, please contact our office

Yours sincerely,

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