

Submission
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**INQUIRY INTO THE PROVISION OF EDUCATION TO
STUDENTS WITH A DISABILITY OR SPECIAL NEEDS**

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We would like to voice our concern in relation to the closure of the Dalwood / Palm Avenue School. We have a 9 year old child that has severe language and learning difficulties. Attempts to help him has come from DET, his local school, occupational therapists, speech therapist, paediatricians and doctors. All these avenues have tried to help but have not been able to diagnose what his learning difficulties were. Since being put in touch with Dalwood and attending the assessment centre on two occasions. His difficulty has been identified and the help we have received and the on going support from Dalwood has shown us and him that this difficulty is valid. His learning difficulty may be overcome in time with the right programs and support that Dalwood has offered us. We are at a loss as to where to go with further help for him and ask the question: Why is Dalwood closing? What will we and other remote families do to help our children in the future?