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**INQUIRY INTO TEACHER SHORTAGES IN NEW SOUTH  
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GOOD EVENING,

My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am a 4th year University of Southern Queensland (USQ) student studying Education. I am writing this letter to you regarding The Literacy and Numeracy Test for Initial Teacher Education (LANTITE). This test was not a requirement when I started my degree in 2016 but now has been forced upon me to complete and pass before I can graduate and receive my teacher registration in Queensland. This test does not define my abilities to teach. I am so devastated and heartbroken. I have dreamt of being a teacher from the age of 8 and wasn't able to fulfil my dreams as got married and my small family was created. Once my kids went to school, I decided now it's time to fulfil my dream of being an early childhood teacher. Therefore, I did, and my dream was coming true until everything changed in 2020. I cannot graduate until I passed this test even though I have great prac feedback and uni assessment results. . Australia is losing quality teachers as this test strips them of their degree. UK got rid of this test due to the low numbers of teacher graduating, and I believed when Australia gets rid of this it will boost the economy as there will be more teachers in the workforce and contributing to this economy alongside help with the teacher shortage crisis.

PLEASE I ask for you to get on board in helping to get rid of this LANTITE test COMPLETELY

Please help us students achieve our hard earn dream of becoming teachers!

Kind regards

Brisbane, Queensland

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