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Director-General

Department of
Education

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Mr Anthony Reilly
Queensland Ombudsman
Email: investigations@ombudsman.qld.gov.au

Dear Mr Reilly

Thank you for your letter dated 10 February 2025 regarding the Office of the Queensland Ombudsman's own-initiative investigation into the Department of Education's current practices and procedures in line with the recommendations from Public Hearing 33 of the Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability.

Thank you for providing the proposed report and recommendations for the department's review and comment prior to being finalised. I note your advice that the final report will be tabled in the Legislative Assembly and made publicly available on the Queensland Ombudsman website.

The department has no further comments on the proposed report and recommendations.

I was pleased to note the report acknowledged the department's willingness to critically evaluate and review its practices and search for improvements – noting that *these activities highlight Education's commitment to making sure school staff understand and can apply current practices and procedures associated with student protection reporting.*

The department remains committed to ensuring our student protection practices, procedures and training are of the highest standard and welcomes recommendations from the report that can strengthen our approach.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further, I invite you to contact [REDACTED] or on [REDACTED], by email at [REDACTED].

Thank you for the collaborative nature of the investigation and the opportunity to review the proposed report and recommendations.

Yours sincerely

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Acting Director-General

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