



Public submission made to the Review to Achieve Educational Excellence in Australian Schools

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Summary

I have now provided a short but crucial addition to my previous submission.

Sorry.

Main submission

Sorry,

This is an addition to my previous submission and should be added to the section in that submission headed 'ROSBA'

A key aspect of the ROSBA system is the panel system. Panels operate at the district and state level and are responsible for verifying that schools' programs of work in all subjects adhere to the requirements of State syllabuses based on the Australian curriculum. They also adjudicate on schools' assessment programs and on the accuracy of the levels of achievement awarded by schools. Obviously the system depends a great deal on the credibility and integrity of the panels themselves. In turn this depends on the professionalism of the panellists. In 1990 Professor Viviani (in 'the Viviani report') suggested that all panellists should be trained and credentialed (and paid appropriately) to guarantee the credibility of the whole system.

This was never done.

Well, better late than never.