



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

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Summary

Re: “The Review will also look at how school leaders can most effectively and efficiently drive a whole of school continuous improvement agenda and create positive learning cultures for all students in all schools.”

School leaders were concerned about the time and energy required to satisfy the requirements of that formal school registration process. .

(see study link below.)

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Main submission

26th October 2016

To: Review to Achieve Educational Excellence in Australian Schools

Att: Review Panel

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Dear Panel,

In 2013, I completed a doctorate study dealing with the beliefs of school leaders regarding the relationship between school improvements and a new formal school registration introduced by the Government of Western Australia, for non-government schools. My study revealed that school leaders were concerned about the time and energy required to satisfy the requirements of that formal school registration process. They felt that this bureaucratic measure of school accountability deprived them of the opportunity to help their staff and students. Many school leaders estimated that the registration application took over three months to prepare and complete.

I believe that this is one of the issues for the Review Panel. (see study link below.)

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Whilst the solution to this issue will involve several domains within education, work on WA's school registration process should include a more streamlined and online application process. Further, the place and value of a positive school culture should become part of the normal school registration process.

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