

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Education Standards and Registration Board Bill 2026

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on the Education Standards and Registration Board Bill 2026.

The Office of the Teacher Registration Board supports the establishment of the Education Standards and Registration Board through stand-alone legislation. A stand-alone Act appropriately reflects the significance of the Board's role, not only in teacher registration, professional standards and public protection, but also in ensuring that curriculum, assessment frameworks, teaching standards and regulatory standards are effectively developed, implemented, monitored and continuously improved. Establishing a clear legislative framework for these functions recognises the Board's critical contribution to supporting high-quality teaching and learning outcomes while ensuring accountability, consistency and confidence across the education sector.

An independent statutory authority is essential to ensuring that decisions regarding registration, professional conduct, standards, and regulation are made objectively, transparently, and in the best interests of both the profession and the community. Preserving this independence will support public confidence in the integrity of the regulatory framework and ensure that educational standards remain the central focus of the Board's work.

In considering the transition to the new legislative arrangements, the significance of the interim measures contained within the Bill are recognised. These provisions are important to ensuring continuity of operations, maintaining regulatory certainty for teachers and education providers, and safeguarding both Board's abilities to fulfil their functions without disruption during the transition period.

Finally, the office wishes to place on public record our sincere appreciation for the significant contributions of all previous Boards, Chairs, Board Members, and Directors who have guided and shaped the regulation of the teaching profession over many years. Their leadership, commitment, and stewardship have established the strong foundations upon which this new legislative framework will build. The achievements of successive Boards have played a vital role in strengthening professional standards, supporting educators, and enhancing outcomes for students and the broader community.

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