

## NEW ZEALAND PRINCIPALS' FEDERATION

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### SUBMISSION ON: EDUCATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO 2)

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The New Zealand Principals Federation (NZPF) represents the interests of 2,578 Principals of Primary, Intermediate and Secondary Schools throughout New Zealand. We acknowledge the Science and Education Select Committee's call for submissions on the Education Amendment Bill (No 2) and thank you for the opportunity to respond.

NZPF offers the following comments for consideration in relation to the Bill:

#### Secondary-tertiary programmes

- The Bill does not clearly address the complex issues of pastoral care and career guidance for those students who have their primary enrolment with a secondary school but who will be undertaking training and work experience outside of the school of enrolment. The Bill does not clarify how it envisages that a provider group would manage secondary-tertiary programmes which will incur at the very least significantly more resource to administer, plan, report on, monitor, coordinate and support.
- There is no clarity in respect of the continuing education for students who have completed part tertiary qualifications under a secondary-tertiary programme and then turn 18. Seemingly education under this scheme is free up to the age of 18. It would seem educationally unhelpful to withdraw support when a student is part way through a programme of study under this scheme.
- There is no indication if financial assistance, such as student loan support, will be available to students enrolled under the secondary-tertiary programme. It is possible and even likely that some of these students will not be living under parental supervision.

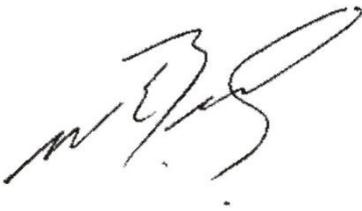
## Private Schools

- The NZPF believes that the criteria for managers of private schools being fit and proper persons should be at the very minimum the same as is required of the registration procedures for teachers, namely that they meet all the professional standards required for registration. In this way the children under their educational care are protected.
- NZPF believes that private schools should be required to meet all the standards, teaching, learning, assessment and reporting criteria required of State schools.

## Enrolment Scheme Priorities

NZPF is concerned about the impact of the three new enrolment scheme priorities on current enrolment schemes. Whilst the Bill indicates that the three priorities for offering places to out-of-zone students will remain, NZPF would question the reasons for the introduction of three more categories. We are not satisfied that there is sufficient reason to consider children of former students or children of board employees or children of members of the school board ahead of other applicants.

Yours sincerely



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