

# A. Full responses from entities

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As mandated in Section 64 of the *Auditor-General Act 2009*, the Queensland Audit Office gave a copy of this report with a request for comments to the:

- Minister for Education, Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister for Racing
- Minister for Employment and Small Business and Minister for Training and Skills Development
- Director-General, Department of Education
- Director-General, Department of Employment, Small Business and Training.

We also provided a copy of the report with an invitation to respond to the:

- Premier and Minister for the Olympics
- Director-General, Department of the Premier and Cabinet
- Chief Executive Officer and Chairperson of TAFE Queensland
- chancellors and vice-chancellors of the 7 universities
- principals and chairs of the 8 grammar schools.

This appendix contains the detailed responses we received.

The heads of these entities are responsible for the accuracy, fairness, and balance of their comments.



# Comments received from Director-General, Department of Education



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13 June 2022

Mr Brendan Worrall  
Auditor-General  
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Dear Mr Worrall

Thank you for your email dated 17 May 2022 providing a copy of your report to Parliament titled Education 2021 (the Report) concerning the audit of entities in Queensland in the education sector.

Further to my letter to you dated 9 June 2022, again I appreciate the opportunity to review the Report and I thank you and your team for your collaborative approach. The Report provides valuable information that the Department of Education will focus on to continue to strengthen the security of our information system.

We will also ensure that reviews of our assets through condition assessments are completed in a timely manner. Information derived from the assessments will be valuable in assisting the department to support the maintaining of our assets (both physical and digital), which need to be fit-for-purpose to deliver on our changing learning styles now and into the future.

The department accepts the recommendations of this Report and will continue to monitor, address and implement these recommendations.

If you or your team require further information or assistance, please contact

I look forward to continuing to work collaboratively with the Queensland Audit Office.

Yours sincerely

A blue ink signature of Michael De'ath, written in a cursive style.

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## Comments received from Director-General, Department of Employment, Small Business and Training



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Dear Mr Worrall

Thank you for your email dated 17 May 2022 regarding your proposed report *Education 2021* and for the opportunity to provide feedback on the report.

The Department of Employment, Small Business and Training acknowledges the report and accepts its findings and recommendations, in particular continuing to strengthen the security of its information systems as well as ensuring condition assessments at TAFE Queensland campuses are completed as soon as possible.

Following the last full Asset Lifecycle Condition Assessment (ALCA) completed in 2017, the Department has already commenced a new ALCA program this year with the Mount Gravatt and Eagle Farm TAFE sites as pilot projects. The results will inform a wider roll-out of the ALCA program in 2022–23 across the remaining Department owned sites occupied by TAFE Queensland.

The Department will also continue to work alongside TAFE Queensland and in conjunction with central agencies to design and implement strategies to support TAFE Queensland's broader financial sustainability.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide comment on the report.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W Agnew".

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