



***Education and Health Standing Committee***

***Call for Submissions***

**Independent Public Schools – Parliamentary Inquiry**

As announced in the Legislative Assembly of Western Australia on 25 February 2016, the Education and Health Standing Committee will inquire into and report on the Department of Education's Independent Public Schools initiative. In particular the Committee will examine:

- The implementation of the initiative, including support provided to schools transitioning to become Independent Public Schools and the use of Delivery and Performance Agreements.
- The ongoing role of the Department of Education, and other agencies, supporting Independent Public Schools.
- How Independent Public Schools are monitored through informal and formal review processes and the transparency of reviews for the school community.
- The impact on the engagement and performance of students, in particular those with additional needs.
- The outcomes of formal and informal reviews of Independent Public Schools.
- The process and extent to which the Department of Education incorporates review outcomes into its management of the Independent Public Schools initiative and ensures that Independent Public Schools act on review outcomes.
- The impact of Independent Public Schools on staffing arrangements.

The Committee has a reporting date of 16 August 2016 and invites submissions relating to the terms of reference.

**Important Information:** All submissions become the property of the Committee and will become public documents after tabling in the Legislative Assembly, unless the Committee resolves otherwise. The Committee can also resolve to publish submissions on the internet. Anyone seeking to make a confidential submission to the Committee should seek further information from the Committee's Principal Research Officer (details below) prior to making their submission.

Submissions must be received no later than **Friday, 15 April 2016** and should be addressed to:

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Submissions can also be forwarded electronically to [laehsc@parliament.wa.gov.au](mailto:laehsc@parliament.wa.gov.au).

Further information regarding the presentation of submissions may be obtained by contacting Ms Alison Sharpe, Principal Research Officer, on 9222 7394 or by visiting the Committee's website at [www.parliament.wa.gov.au/ehsc](http://www.parliament.wa.gov.au/ehsc).