

Expert Panel  
Review to Inform and Better and Fairer Education System  
Department of Education, Australian Government

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Dear Secretary

### **Review to Inform and Better and Fairer Education System**

Family Advocacy welcomes the opportunity to make a submission to the Australian Government, Department of Education on the Review to Inform a Better and Fairer Education System.

We are not for profit disability advocacy organisation that works across New South Wales (NSW) to advance and protect the rights and interests of people with developmental disability, were founded by families 30 years ago who had a strong vision that their family member with a disability would have a meaningful inclusive life to be enjoyed by experiencing the same opportunities and living conditions as the majority of Australians. This means being included in education, employment, and community with the right to live safely, with dignity, and free from violence, abuse, neglect or exploitation.

Family Advocacy has a particular expertise in the area of disability and education, as evidenced by being invited by the Royal Commission into Violence Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability to provide evidence at [Public Hearing 7: Barriers experienced by students with disability in accessing and obtaining a safe, quality and inclusive school education and consequent life course impacts](#). We are also on the Steering Committee of the [Australia Coalition of Inclusive Education](#).

We endorse all of the recommendations made by [Children and Young People with Disability Australia](#) (CYDA) in their submissions to this Review, see Page 12-13 of the submission.

Yours Sincerely



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