



The Honourable Rod Welford MP



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Minister for Education and Training  
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Mr Neil Laurie  
The Clerk of the Parliament  
Parliament House  
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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter dated 19 November 2007 regarding Petition No 815-07 received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly, in relation to the recognition and funding for Dyslexia.

The *Disability Standards for Education 2005*, developed under the Commonwealth *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* require education providers, including school systems, to make reasonable adjustments for persons with a disability.

Through the department's Inclusive Education policy, Education Queensland supports any student who experiences any form of learning difficulty or learning disability.

Education Queensland stresses the importance of maximizing educational outcomes for all students through identification and reduction of barriers to learning.

Specialised personnel such support teachers learning difficulties (STLD), speech-language pathologists or guidance officers assist classroom teachers with guiding students to success at school.

As the range of learning needs varies widely between students, all state schools in Queensland have access to a STLD. Educational support is provided on the basis of the needs of the individual.

If you would like further information, you can contact Ms Leith Sterling, Assistant Director, Disability Services Support Unit, on telephone (07) 3240 9364.

I trust this information addresses the concerns raised by the petitioners.

Yours sincerely

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