

## Submission re External Exams

Attn: Dr Gabrielle Matters  
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Dear Dr Matters,

**Submission:  
Qld needs to reintroduce external pen-and-paper exams**

Please accept this letter as my submission to ACER's OP Review\*.  
(\*Qld Review of Senior Assessment and Reporting and Tertiary Entrance)

ACER's one-year review is in its final months concluding in July 2014.  
Yet it appears from your advice to date that ACER -

1. is **not** considering external exams;
2. is **not** considering scaling school assessment according to external exam results; and
3. **is** considering continuing social moderation.

I am asking why ACER is not seriously considering fast-tracking quality external senior subject exams counting towards senior assessment in Queensland?

ACER's approach is **contrary to Qld's 2013 EIC parliamentary inquiry recommendations** and **contrary to ministerial direction** for maths and sciences.

The Queensland schools experiment has failed and has put our students behind the national average on all 20 NAPLAN tests in 2013. The current marking system is inefficient and unfair to students.

My submission urges you to put an end to this state's experiment with current assessment and tertiary entrance methods.

\* This submission including my name may be published but I request that my address and contact details be kept confidential.

Yours sincerely,

Cecily Mac Alpine