

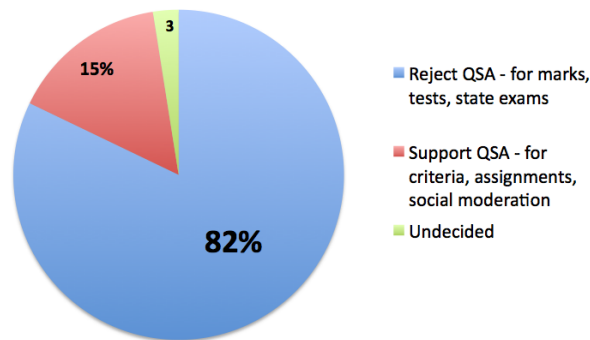
Comprehensive State-Wide Senior Exams

Reason No. 1: It's What Most People Want

1. **Every other state of Australia** has comprehensive state-wide senior exams



2. **Over 80%** of submissions to the Qld Parliamentary Inquiry in 2013 want comprehensive, state-wide exams



3. **Unanimous voting** at Qld LNP State Convention 2013:
 - i. That this Convention of the LNP calls on the LNP Government to implement Year 12 school-leaver assessment consisting of 50% school-based assessment and 50% by an external examination in each subject, similar to that used in all other Australian States.
4. **Unanimous voting** at Public Meeting July, 2012



5. **The Parliamentary Education and Innovation Committee** in 2013 recommended:

Recommendation 2:

The committee recommends that **an external exam count for 50% of a student's overall achievement** mark in senior mathematics, chemistry and physics to:

- a. ensure an appropriate focus on content knowledge which, of the three criteria for each subject, is the one most readily testable by an exam task (and what is tested, gets taught)
- b. ensure an element of commonality in respect of content knowledge around the state, which makes comparing student scores more meaningful for employers and universities
- c. promote confidence in the validity of all of a student's final mark for a subject by increasing the likelihood of consistent assessment practices against a common task.

Recommendation 4:

The committee recommends that the **subject-based external exam for mathematics, chemistry and physics be used to scale school-based assessments**, in recognition of the fact that exams provide a valid assessment of a student having 'the basic' content and procedural knowledge in the subject area and that the criteria relating to this knowledge should be a primary determinant of the student's achievement level in these subjects.