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Hon. Dr Sally Elizabeth Talbot MLC

Chair

**Joint Standing Committee on the Commissioner for Children and Young People
Legislative Assembly of Western Australia**

Dear Chair,

Thank you for the opportunity to appear before the Joint Standing Committee on the Commissioner for Children and Young People on 13 June 2018, to speak about the Teaching and Learning Consultation undertaken by the Commissioner for Children and Young People.

I have received and considered the transcript of my evidence. On page 7 of the transcript, I spoke about my past experience of attending parent-teacher nights as an English teacher. The Chair then asked me '[w]hose problem is this,' to which I responded:

The problem was "them", not "us", and schools continue to do those things.

Unfortunately the underlying sentiment of this sentence reads differently in print than in person. I was referring to the sentiment that many schools view parents as a problem, rather than as partners in education, but this intended meaning has been lost due to the loss of context and tone. To make it clear, I was not saying that parents were the problem. Rather the school, of which I was at that time a staff member, perceived the parents as the problem.

I would be grateful if you would take this into account in reading the transcript of my evidence.

Yours Sincerely

Jenny Blair

Senior Vice President

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