

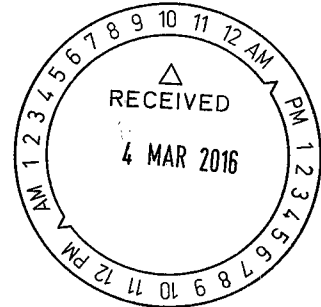


**Hon Peter Collier MLC**  
**Minister for Education; Aboriginal Affairs; Electoral Affairs**  
**Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council**

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Your Ref: Petition 107  
Our Ref: 34-65403

Hon Simon O'Brien MLC  
Chairman  
Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs  
Parliament House  
PERTH WA 6000



Dear Mr O'Brien

Thank you for your letter dated 18 February 2016 regarding Petition No. 107, Religious Schools Discrimination.

For a non-government school to be registered in Western Australia, it is required to comply with the *2016 Standards for Non-Government Schools* (Standards) and the *School Education Act 1999* (the Act).

Section 160(1)(iv) of the Act requires non-government schools to be compliant with "all written and other laws that apply to and in respect of the school and the operation of the school". This includes the *Equal Opportunity Act 1984*.

Should a school be assessed as non-compliant with the Standards or be found to have contravened any written laws, action may be taken in accordance with the *School Education Act 1999*.

I hope that this information is of assistance.

Kind regards

Hon Peter Collier MLC  
**MINISTER FOR EDUCATION**  
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