

Dear Senator / Dr Ian Holland

I write on behalf of Tim Mander, CEO of SU Queensland. In response to Mr Wilson's criticism of Scripture Union Queensland in his submission to your committee in regard to the inquiry into the sexualisation of children in the contemporary media environment, we are more than happy to stand on our record of support and care for the young people of Queensland, and do not wish to comment on specific criticisms of our organisation by Mr Wilson. We would however like to correct his repeated assertion that our chaplains are "unqualified". It is a requirement of employment with SU that chaplains employed through our organisation complete the nationally accredited Diploma of Youth Work, which we provide in our capacity as a Registered Training Organisation. In addition to this qualification many chaplains come to this vocation with previous qualifications in fields such as education, social work and social sciences. Our chaplains adhere to a strict code of conduct in regards to their behaviour and manner in which they carry out their duties, and at all times come under the authority of Education Queensland.

Yours sincerely

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