

# Submission

to

Senate Employment, Workplace Relations and Education  
Legislation Committee

## **Inquiry into the Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Amendment Bill 2005**

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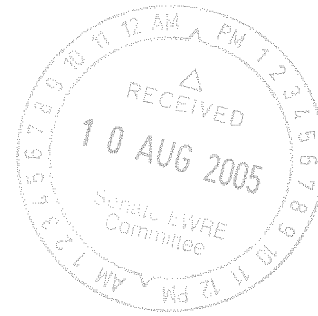
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## PRESENTATION SISTERS, WAGGA WAGGA



The Secretary,  
Senate Employment,  
Workplace Relations & Education Committee,  
Department of the Senate  
Parliament House  
Canberra, ACT 2600  
5/8/05

Dear Secretary,

I am writing to you concerning the two Bills, Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Amendment Bill 2005 and Skilling Australia's Workforce (Repeal & Transitional Provisions) 2005-08-05

I would like to make the following points

- The Government claims to be promoting "Practical Reconciliation" – What could be more practical than assisting educational initiatives that are particularly assist Aboriginal Culture
- Tranby College provides critical support to Indigenous students who have to live away from their own communities for this specialised, community oriented education.
- These institutions aid the educational disadvantage suffered by many indigenous people
- As well they build links between Indigenous and non-Indigenous groups within the Education field and the wider community.
- Reconciliation is of vital concern to all Australians and these centres provide impetus and ideas for Reconciliation efforts of many people.
- *Has* any serious thinking been conducted to ascertain the results of this double de-funding process?

I would hope that you would consider carefully the passing of these two Bills. Do they have serious educational aims or is it a cost-cutting exercise.

I look forward to hearing your responses to these points.

Yours Sincerely,

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