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**THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE
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**School safety order laws – proposed
Assembly Resolution of 10 April 2025
Government Response**

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Dear Mr Parton

Thank you for your letter dated 16 April 2025 regarding the Assembly's resolution of 10 April 2025 - School safety order laws—Proposed.

I am pleased to confirm that a jurisdictional review has been undertaken to assess existing legislative frameworks and practices across relevant jurisdictions. This review has provided valuable insights into the scope and implementation of school safety order mechanisms currently in place in South Australia, Victoria, the Education and Care Services National Law, and in comparison, the ACT. An overview of these mechanisms is attached for your information.

In reviewing these mechanisms, it is clear there are a range of legislative and human rights considerations that would need to be considered to inform any potential strengthening of mechanisms here in the ACT. Extensive consultation will be required to inform any future Government considerations.

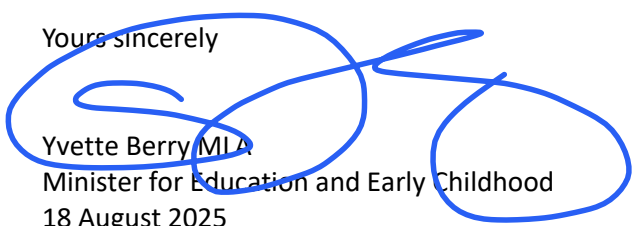
To ensure that any potential legislative changes are informed by a broad and inclusive range of perspectives, the Government will undertake consultation with key stakeholders as part of the Education Directorate's existing legislative reform program. This will include engagement with:

- Non-government schools – Association of Independent Schools and Catholic Education Office (Canberra and Goulburn)
- Education Union representatives
- School leadership and staff
- Parent and student advocacy groups

The outcomes of this consultation will inform the development of any potential amendments to the ACT *Education Act 2004*, ensuring that school safety measures are both effective and respectful of the rights and responsibilities of all parties involved.

The Government remains committed to promoting safe and supportive learning environments for students and staff.

Yours sincerely


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Minister for Education and Early Childhood
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