

PETITION

To the Honourable Members of the **House of Assembly** in Parliament assembled –

The Petition of the undersigned residents of South Australia

Argument

We draw the attention of your Honourable House to the need to ensure that high standards of education are maintained by the Teachers Registration Board. It is essential that the majority of Board members are nominated by teacher and education organisations, not hand-picked by the Minister of the day. The current composition of the Board has ensured that high standards for professional practice and development are required for teachers to maintain registration. It has also ensured that decisions regarding competence are made by those who have an understanding of current teaching practice and the professional context in which teachers work. The education unions ensure that nominees to the Board are endorsed by their peers as respected professionals and this has contributed to confidence that teachers and the public currently have in the Board. There is no logical argument for reducing the number of teachers on the Teachers Registration Board or removing the opportunity for teachers to have a say in their representatives on the Board.

Request

Your petitioners therefore request that your Honourable House will urge the Government to ensure political independence of the Teachers Registration Board and maintain its current composition and nomination processes.

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ON PRESENTATION TO THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY THIS PETITION WILL BE BECOME A PUBLIC DOCUMENT

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