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RE: REVIEW OF TEACHER REGISTRATION

There are several areas that need to be reviewed for teacher registration. As a teacher in Tasmania I am fortunate to have full registration. Maintaining that however is time consuming and unnecessary.

The issue of maintaining or meeting AITSL criteria constantly should be a matter for school employers, not the registration authority. It should be enough for teachers to be considered registerable as long as they have met the behavioural expectations set down by legislation. A simple confirmation by the employer or the lack of complaints should suffice.

Recognition by other States is one of the major issues. Currently as I have found if I want to register in another state, I need to go through the same process as if I was registering for the first time. The idea of mutual recognition is a farce. This extra cost and process is detrimental to the idea of national competency and the ability for good teachers to transfer interstate. It should be enough to have one registration in the state of origin and have that recognised by all other states, without any extra charges or process.

Police checks are another issue, currently police checks are required several times, and registration and vulnerable people checks are just a few. It should be enough that registration requires it and other agencies recognise it.

In conclusion I suggest that the registration process should be one national agency, one fee that is the same for all and recognition by all states regardless of origin.

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