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Submission on Education (Protecting Teacher Title) Amendment Bill

The University of Otago College of Education (UOCE) was established in 2007 through the merger between the University of Otago and Dunedin College of Education. The UOCE has the longest history of teacher education in New Zealand with the former College of Education having been established in 1876. As an institution the UOCE has a long established reputation for excellence in education and the professional education of teachers. We offer initial teacher education (ITE) programmes in early childhood, primary, primary bi-cultural and secondary education. Postgraduate study options for ongoing professional learning and development of teachers and education professionals are rich; we offer a suite of programmes from degrees through to doctorates.

Please accept this submission on the Education (Protecting Teacher Title) Amendment Bill, a brief piece of legislation seeking amendments to s.348 and s.374 of the principal act (Education Act, 1989). We are in support of the bill and our submission provides comment on the proposed amendment to s.348.

We would urge the inclusion of an additional clause (d) to specify that a qualified teacher may hold any ITE qualification that at the time of its completion was approved for teacher registration purposes. This would mean that new qualifications in the teacher education space are able to be recognised for qualification purposes and current qualifications that are not named in subsections a, b, c, such as the exemplary masters of teaching programmes, recognised as teacher qualifications as well.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on these proposals. Should you require any further information or clarification on this submission, please contact the named submitters below.

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