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Dear Ms Cramp and Mr Stewart

Thank you for your letter dated 13 May 2017 regarding support for same-sex-attracted, intersex and gender diverse youth.

As Minister for Education I want all children to feel welcome and safe at school and able to fully participate in all aspects of their education.

This government is committed to promoting safe and respectful school communities where children and young people's safety, resilience and social and emotional wellbeing are fostered. To achieve this, schools in the Northern Territory (NT) are being supported to implement a range of strategies and curriculum programs that aim to promote tolerance and create safe schools for all children.

I am pleased to advise that schools in the NT are soon to be invited to implement the Safe Schools Coalition Australia (SSCA) program. The SSCA resources are another component in a suite of anti-bullying resources available to Territory schools to enhance the safety and wellbeing of all students, including vulnerable students.

The Principals Australia Institute has been selected as a provider of the program in the NT. They will offer free training to support the implementation of the SSCA program in NT schools with secondary enrolments.

Thank you for writing to me and for your ongoing support of LGBTI students and their families.

Yours sincerely

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