



Postsecondary Education Quality Assessment Board
Commission d'évaluation de la qualité de l'éducation postsecondaire

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The Honourable John Milloy
Minister, Training, Colleges and Universities
3rd floor, 900 Bay Street
Toronto, ON M7A 1L2

Dear Minister:

**Re: Application from Charles Sturt University
to offer a Bachelor of Early Childhood Studies program:
Recommendation to Grant Consent**

Pursuant to section 5(1) of the *Post-secondary Education Choice and Excellence Act, 2000*, on October 23, 2007, Charles Sturt University applied to the Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities for consent to offer a Bachelor of Early Childhood Studies program. In accordance with section 5.2 of the *Act*, you referred the application on December 11, 2007, to the Board for its review and recommendation. The Board reviewed the application in accordance with its *Handbook for Public Organizations, February 2006*. The submission, the report of the quality assessment panel, and the applicant's response were considered by the Board at its meeting of March 18, 2008.

Based on:

- the applicant's submission,
- the findings of the Quality Assessors appointed by the Board to assess this program against the relevant Board standards and benchmarks for a honours baccalaureate program,
- the applicant's response to the panel's report,
- any additional materials provided by the applicant to the Board,
- any commitments made by the applicant during the review process, and
- the Board's assessment of the information,

the Postsecondary Education Quality Assessment Board recommends that you **grant** Charles Sturt University **consent** to offer a Bachelor of Early Childhood Studies program

to be abbreviated as BECS at its campus at 860 Harrington Court, Burlington.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dale Patterson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dale Patterson,
Chair

cc Postsecondary Education Quality Assessment Board
Philip Steenkamp, Deputy Minister, MTCU
Marie-Lison Fougère, Assistant Deputy Minister, SSPD
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