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Senator Sue Boyce

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SPECIAL SCHOOLS SHOULD BE ABOLISHED

Senator Sue Boyce, Liberal Senator for Queensland, has called for special schools to be abolished and children with disabilities integrated into mainstream schools.

“In terms of education, it’s my personal view that we won’t fix education until we abolish special schools,” Senator Boyce said.

“If mainstream schools had no option but to accept children with disabilities, they would concentrate on how to make it work, not how to avoid getting involved.

Senator Boyce said “if all the human and funding resources currently tied up in special schools were handed over to the mainstream system, it would be so much easier to make it work.”

“It is a testament to the tenacity of the DSAQ that for the first time, this year the DSAQ has been funded to provide an educational adviser for families with a primary school child.”

Senator Boyce was speaking at a major Down Syndrome Association of Queensland function today.

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