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CHAPTER BRIEFING No.1

**Gonski Report Delivers on Key Outcomes for Non-Government Sector
Onus now on State/Federal Governments to Fund**

Dear Colleagues

The long awaited Gonski Report into school funding has delivered on the four key campaign objectives of our union and recognised for the first time the legitimacy of the non-government school sector in the provision of education in Australia.

Members are to be congratulated for their contribution to our campaign with your efforts ensuring that the Gonski Review Panel had a sound and complete understanding of the nature of the sector.

The campaign now shifts its focus to the fundamental recommendation that both federal and state governments must increase significantly their contribution to education in Australia – both government and non-government.

Gonski Recommendations Deliver

The IEUA submissions sought four key outcomes from the Gonski report:

1. Establishment of a School Resource Standard with Base Level

The Report recommends the establishment of a transparent school resource standard for all Australian schools. Funding beyond a minimum base would be based on the resource needs of the school as reflected in student characteristics and outcomes.

2. Education Based Indexation

The Report has recommended the establishment of an index for increases in recurrent funding which is drawn from inflationary costs in education rather than the CPI.

3. Increased Funding for Disabled Students

The Report recommends significant additional funding for disabled students. Significantly the Report also recommends that the funding follows the student wherever the student is enrolled.

4. Transition Arrangements

The Report acknowledges the need for transition arrangements to a new funding arrangement. This is especially significant for the number of current 'funding maintained' schools.

Next Steps

Clearly there is still a lot of detail to be worked through to ensure the interests of students and their schools are protected under any new funding arrangement.

Of greatest significance, however, is unanswered questions regarding the willingness of federal and state governments to commit to the additional \$5 billion of funding which is needed to implement the Report's recommendations. The Report itself notes the need for constructive engagement with state and federal governments to ensure the Report is actioned with the funding.

Our campaign thus shifts to matters of funding commitment with state and federal governments.

Further briefings on the Gonski Report will be available in various union publications including the website www.qieu.asn.au

The Gonski Report is a significant moment for all Australian schools and members are to be congratulated for their contribution to influencing the considerations of the Gonski Review Panel.

Kind regards



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