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MEDIA STATEMENT

School Funding

The IEUA Federal Council meeting has rejected the amendments to the funding of school education announced by the Turnbull Government and contained in the Bill now before Parliament.

The IEUA Federal Council notes that the decision of the Turnbull Government to abandon the “unity ticket” commitment to meeting the funding needs identified in the Gonski review is dishonourable.

The funding shortfall announced by the Turnbull government of \$22 billion will impact on the most needy in our school communities.

It is a nonsense to believe that there are currently sufficient resources to meet those identified needs including students with disabilities, Indigenous students and students in rural and remote areas.

The needs of students are manifest and this government acknowledged those needs prior to its election.

The new model not only reduces the committed and anticipated funding to schools in the immediate future but also fails to deal with outstanding issues around the measurement of actual need.

The failure to consult widely and appropriately has resulted in a failure of legislation.

The IEUA Federal Council’s full statement can be accessed at www.ieu.org.au.

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Federal Secretary

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