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TASSO Condemns New Non-Government Federal School Funding Package

Recently elected Tasmanian Association of State School Organisations (TASSO) President Mr Nigel Jones outlined today that parents of state school students were outraged over the new Federal Government Funding Model for Catholic and Independent Schools.

Mr. Jones said, - The \$4.6 billion including the \$1.2 billion is nothing more than a payment to sure up electoral support at the next Federal election. The Government's Gonski / Chaney Review recommended The National Schools Resourcing Board, produce a formula to show how much parents could pay if they chose non-government schools. Analysis shows parents with students at advantaged schools can afford to pay their way.

According to the Grattan Institute in 2016 families on modest incomes of \$30-80,000 dollars had to pay 2.6 of their pre-tax income, while families on over \$300,000 paid just 1%. So, this extra money will further benefit the wealthy schools.

Gonski 2 clearly reflected Catholic Schools are not all the same. And the Government has abandoned the Gonski Needs Based Model.

TASSO commends Tasmanian Education Minister Jeremy Rockliff for not signing up to a very poor Federal deal which will see state schools and colleges worse off over the next decade. Mr. Jones said, - he was pleased all sides of Tasmanian politics were asking for a better deal for state school education.

Mr. Jones said he was very disappointed that Liberal Senator Eric Abetz is urging the State Government to sign up to the deal and has again sold out public education in this state. I call on all Federal Senators to support our Education Minister in getting a better deal For Tasmanian State Schools and Colleges.

The State Government has invested record money in education in infrastructure, additional teachers in the next six years and more specialized staff and yet still more needs to be done.

Tasmanian state schools and colleges are still on the waiting list for major or minor infrastructure work, some of which have been on the list for a very long time. Government schools need more money from the Federal Government if they are to implement the full Gonski 2 Model.

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