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## Submission to the Senate Select Committee on School Funding

I support public education. My child goes to the local public school and I work in a local public college. However, I see parents and even teachers choosing to pay more money to send their children to private schools because they have better funding, better facilities and better teachers. The only way to support our community is through supporting public education and funding the Gonski recommendations is the MINIMUM that should be done.

I work in a school, a beautiful new school, which has no airconditioning and despite winning design awards is sometimes unbearable to teach in, let alone learn. More funding would allow the school to maintain its cooling system so that it is effective and allow them to cater for the 400 extra students expected to arrive in the next two years. It will enable professional learning programs that will support those learnings and it will provide specialist teachers who can engage students and help them achieve their best.

For my sons, one in year 1 and 1 in preschool, it will mean more individualised care and programs that support them to become active learners who will shine.

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