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## Submission to the Senate Select Committee on School Funding

A quality education for all students should be the aim of all governments. As a teacher working with students who are deaf and hearing impaired the Gonski funding model finally sees an opportunity to deliver this. As a teacher for most of my career in regional NSW, the Gonski funding model will see rural schools receive funding based on what they need.

Enough has been written that shows the current funding model is broken. We know fairer funding delivers. Schools benefited from the Commonwealth's National Partnership funding. This injection of funds helped provide targeted programs in student literacy and numeracy in the local Port Macquarie schools. The full Gonski must be delivered.

Funding Gonski for the full 6 years will see opportunities for students no matter where they live. Current research shows that city based students have more opportunity than their rural counterparts. Fairer funding for all students no matter where they live is the type of educational opportunity that should be available to all students. Gonski funding is about providing a minimum standard for all students. It is critical that education funding become fair and balanced, for the sake of our children, their families, their teachers and the nation as a whole.

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