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I am a pre-service mathematics teacher living in Orange, NSW. I have seen firsthand the urgent need for funding of various public schools both in this area and in Sydney, where I grew up.

There is a huge demand on public schools to be able to provide equitable education to students of all needs, particularly low-SES students; indigenous students; and students with special needs, as well as maintaining adequate resources in schools. The Gonski funding, and most importantly the last two years of the 6 years of funding, is desperately needed to meet these demands, as an investment in our society's future.

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