



THE SENATE

**EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**Better and Fairer Schools (Funding and Reform) Bill 2024 [Provisions]**

**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**Wednesday 13 November 2024**

**Committee Room 2S3**  
**Parliament House, Canberra**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Witness</b>
9.00 am	<b>Independent Schools Australia</b> ( <i>Submission 43</i> ) Mr Graham Catt, Chief Executive Officer Ms Caroline Miller, Director, Policy and Research  <b>National Catholic Education Commission</b> ( <i>Submission 78</i> ) Hon Jacinta Collins, Executive Director Mr Andrew Long, Government Relations & Policy Advisor
9.45 am	<b>Centre for Future Work (via videoconference)</b> ( <i>Submission 63</i> ) Dr Jim Stanford, Director
10.15 am	<b>Isolated Children's Parents' Association of Australia</b> ( <i>Submission 39</i> ) Mr Timothy Fletcher, Council Member  <b>Save Our Schools</b> ( <i>Submission 84</i> ) Mr Trevor Cobbold, National Convenor Mr Grant Battersby, Member  <b>The Smith Family</b> ( <i>Submission 8</i> ) Mr Doug Taylor, Chief Executive Officer Ms Anne Hampshire, Head of Research and Advocacy
<b>11.00 am</b>	<b>Break</b>
11.15 am	<b>Australian Government Primary Principals Association</b> ( <i>Submission 61</i> ) Mr Patrick Murphy, President  <b>Australian Secondary Principals' Association</b> ( <i>Submission 16</i> ) Mr Andy Mison, President and Executive Director  <b>National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Principals Association</b> Mrs Dyonne Anderson, President

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12.00 pm	<b>Coalition of Peaks (via videoconference)</b> Ms Pat Turner AM, Lead Convenor Ms Lisa Charles, Executive Director  <b>National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Corporation (via videoconference)</b> Mx Sharon Davis, Chief Executive Officer Mrs Geraldine Atkinson, Co-Chair
12.45 pm	<b>Mr Michael Sciffer</b> ( <i>Submission 86</i> )
<b>1.15 pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
2.15 pm	<b>Australian Education Union (via videoconference)</b> ( <i>Submission 76</i> ) Ms Correna Haythorpe, Federal President
2.45 pm	<b>Department of Education</b> ( <i>Submission 28</i> ) Ms Meg Brighton, Deputy Secretary, Schools Group Mr Fabian Harding, First Assistant Secretary, Funding and Data Collection Division Ms Jessica Mohr, First Assistant Secretary, National Reform Division
<b>3.45 pm</b>	<b>Adjournment</b>