Better and Fairer Schools (Funding and Reform) Bill 2024 [Provisions]
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Thank you for the opportunity to provide our submission.

Unions Shoalhaven, affiliated with the South Coast Labour Council, is a committee of retired unionists from the South Coast of New South Wales. An area which is in the Federal electorate of Gilmore.

We are a local voice for our community, not only on industrial matters, but on community issues too. We support and argue publicly on many issues that affect us.

We strongly believe that Public Education and public schools are key to educating our children to become strong, confident adults into the future.

To achieve this our public educated children, need to have schools that are fully funded.

On the South Coast NSW, unionists, teachers, principals, parents and the community continue to call on the Federal Government to fulfil its election commitment and get every public school to the 100% resourcing standard.

Unions Shoalhaven run Street Stalls frequently in our communities and on our stall, we have the petition for Every Child, Fully Fund our Public Schools. Every time we ask people in the community to sign this petition, there is no hesitation as they all believe this should be the standard for our children.

We must ensure that correct funding is delivered to our public schools. We, at Unions Shoalhaven calls on the Federal Government to lift its share of funding to 25%, (including setting a floor of 25% as opposed to 20% SRS).

Public Schools need to be genuinely funded at 100% of the Schooling Resource. Our children are our future, and the South Coast of NSW want those children to be properly educated, resourced and prepared for tomorrow's workforce.

In Unity

Patricia David Secretary Unions Shoalhaven