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I am a teacher and also a parent and a grandmother. I have relatives and friends who are teachers throughout Australia and they all agree National testing is important and findings if they are acted upon will benefit all Australians and there will be more uniformity in certain subject areas. Parents and schools deserve to receive comprehensive results combined with full school reports that outline strengths, extensions or areas that need attention in all areas of the curriculum including physical and social progress and attitude to learning. We want to educate the WHOLE child. By letting everyone see all results in such a limited area we are pitting school against school, child against child and teachers are going to teach to the test. How limited and boring the curriculum will be. There are only four hours teaching time in a day so teachers can't fit in everything. Every child can learn but everyone learns differently and has different interests and strengths. We want a positive, creative society, a literate, numerate society not a society where schools and individuals will be pitted against each other.

Please consider this negative process of publishing individual school results, keep National testing, send detailed reports but get rid of the negative impact that is creeping into our nation via the publishing of league tables.