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The Secretary
Senate Employment, Workplace Relations, Small Business and
Education Legislation Committee
S1.61 Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Mr Carter

States Grants (Primary and Secondary Education Assistance) Bill 2000

Enclosed with this letter is the hardcopy of National Council's submission to the inquiry by the Senate Committee into the Bill. It has also been sent to you as a hardcopy by surface mail.

NCISA is the peak national body covering the independent school sector. It comprises the State and Territory Associations of Independent Schools. Through these Associations it represents a sector with around 900 independent schools, some 340,000 students and about 40,000 staff.

The submission has been developed in consultation with our 8 member Associations of Independent Schools. The Bill proposes to institute a major change to the way in which the Commonwealth provides recurrent funding for the member schools of those Associations.

NCISA would welcome the opportunity to attend the hearings the Committee will hold on the Bill so as to speak to the submission and respond to questions which the members of the Committee may wish to ask.

Yours sincerely

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