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MORE SCHOOL FUNDING SOONER

Every Australian child has a right to a world-class education. Our students and teachers need more funding

WHAT IS IN IT FOR YOU:

Right now, our government schools are chronically underfunded putting pressure on teachers, students and parents. We need better funded schools, over and above what the current government is prepared to commit. In each of the last two governments is committing less than \$500 million to implement its funding reforms.

An extra \$2 billion over the forward estimates on top of the government's \$3 billion to help bring public schools to world class. Direct the additional funding to where it is needed most, including better assistance for kids with a disability.

The Gonski Review of Funding for Schooling found that Australia's educational performance has declined over the last decade. It found that years of underinvestment in public education has led to deep inequalities in Australia.

The Greens have a vision for the future – one where every child has a chance at success. Whether it's through a trade – we need an education system that gives every child this opportunity. That's why the Greens support a world class system.

> QUALITY EDUCATION FOR EVERYONE

We know that without proper investment in education, the gap between rich and poor will keep getting wider. We need a school funding model that makes high quality education a reality for all Australian kids – regardless of where they live or the school they attend.

While Labor is underinvesting and the Coalition wants to cut education funding, the Greens are standing for world class education. We will:

Properly fund schools, over and above what the current government is prepared to commit. In each of the 2013-14 and 2014-15 budgets committing less than \$500 million to implement its funding reforms. Australian students and public schools need more funding.

Commit an extra \$2 billion over the forward estimates on top of the government's \$3 billion to help bring public schools to world class. This would double the funding from the government in the next two years.

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When it comes to education, money does matter. The Gonski Review recommended that we spend more on schools. Currently, Australia is lagging far behind nations like Denmark, Norway and Finland whose students

Our education system is in desperate need of a funding boost if we are serious about investing in our

> A VISION FOR AUSTRALIA'S FUTURE

The Greens know that excellent schooling fosters the development of creative, informed and resilient citizens in a dynamic and globalised world. High quality education also has broader social benefits, including high life expectancy, health, longevity, tolerance and social cohesion.

The Greens will continue to advocate passionately for public schools. We know that two thirds of Australian students are in public schools, including a high proportion of students who require extra support, like students with disabilities and students from low income families. More money for schools means more teachers and support staff, better teaching and learning

> STANDING UP FOR WHAT MATTERS

The Greens are not afraid to stand up to the wealthy mining companies and fix the mining tax in order to fund school based school funding reforms.

The government's funding reforms so far have disappointed parents of children with a disability. At the moment, only a small number of children across Australia. Harmonising and increasing students' eligibility for disability assistance is crucial. The Greens would provide a boost towards fixing disability support and for disability loadings to be consistently applied to all students live.

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