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## The week that was – Gonski 2.0

“In the early hours of this morning, with the passing of the education Bill, we have hopefully seen a final resolution in the education funding war.

The Greens, the cross benchers and their parties are to be congratulated on working collaboratively with Government to agree amendments that enhance the initial Bill by delivering it within a shorter six year time frame, the forming of an Independent body to review funding levels and tying in the states and territories to deliver their share” says Phillip Spratt, President, Australian Council of State School Organisations.

“We have finally seen an end to the 27 agreements and myriad of special deals that have corrupted the integrity of needs based funding policy. There is now clean policy, based on the needs of every child in every school, emerge from months and months of what could only be described as “ferocious politics”

As the national parent body ACSSO has approached the issue of education funding in good faith, and a focus on policy over politics, with its longstanding call for Fair, Simple and Transparent, and truly needs based funding with no special deals.

“Education funding is a highly complex wicked problem with no right or wrong answers – only better or worse outcomes. What has been branded as Gonski 2.0 is seen to be a model, whilst not perfect, it’s a great step to see the end of the funding war.” Mr Spratt continued

“We call on all jurisdictions to look to the future and take a collaborative approach to delivering the very best that education can offer for our children and certainty for our schools” concluded Mr Spratt

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