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OUR SCHOOLS SHOULD BE SAFE SCHOOLS

MEDIA RELEASE

"The Australian Council of State School Organisations (ACSSO) is surprised at the Prime Minister's announcement calling for an investigation into the Safe Schools program" Phillip Spratt, ACSSO President stated today

"Public Education in Australia is the backstop of open and inclusive educational opportunities for all – regardless of culture, history, gender orientation, expectations and level of income. This program provides the opportunity for greater awareness, acceptance and safety for those young people who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and/or intersex (LGBTI)"

At a school level the Government funded SSCA programme is an entirely voluntary programme in the absolute control of the Principal and their staff team to decide what level of delivery is appropriate for their school and its students.

"ACSSO fully supports the programme and its wider benefits in defining public education as a champion of inclusivity, acceptance, welcome and safety for all as an indisputable part of our authentic Australian values."

For more information regarding the Safe Schools Program go to the Safe Schools Coalition website: www.safeschoolscoalition.org.au

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