



# Australian Council of State School Organisations

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## It's more than just Medicare – It's Education too...

"The election results mean that all parties have to look beyond just Medicare. They need to rethink their funding policies on education", stated Phillip Spratt, President of the Australian Council of State School Organisations (ACSSO).

The President of ACSSO called for education funding agreements that are Fair, Simple and Transparent.

"Representing public school parent organisations, I know that our members need fair funding for our schools.

Current school funding is complicated. It has at least 27 different funding agreements and then overlaid by a myriad of special deals, some going back many years." Mr Spratt said.

I'm calling on the leaders of all political parties to revise school funding so we have a genuinely needs based funding system

We have to start again with the end in mind – Fair, Simple and Transparent agreements that are clear and can be easily understood by all.

All our nation's children must receive a world class education. They deserve it and Australia needs it to happen. This requires Fair, Simple and Transparent funding.

Our members are very unhappy with national education funding. ACSSO represents the parents of 2.4 million children attending government schools. The current political process really has to start taking their views seriously.

Public Education needs an absolute commitment from the Government, all political parties and the politicians within them – a fair go for all – voters have demanded nothing less - there is no other option to ensure our children's future." Mr Spratt concluded.

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