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Strong voices for the future from our Youth

MEDIA RELEASE

"It is heartening to see students having voice and speaking up about something they are passionate about, something that effects their future and the future of our world".

This was the view today from ACSSO Chair, Kevan Goodworth with regards to the proposed nationwide action taken by the students organised by the group *School Strike 4 Climate Action* is acknowledge by the Australian Council of State School Organisations (ACSSO).

ACSSO notes and strongly encourages the students involved to ensure that they have discussed this action with their families and have parental permission to participate. Students should also inform their school using the appropriate school student absence reporting processes.

This event has had extensive publicity and will take place in all capital cities and some 20 plus regional areas.

The *School Strike 4 Climate Action* has been well organised and advertised and gives us a glimpse of the concerns and issues our nation's young believe are facing their future.

"As adults we need to be aware that these young people have a voice, have concerns they feel are not being addressed and are more than capable of organising to be heard" said Mr Goodworth

"We must remember that many of these young people are close to voting age and indeed many will be voting in the next election, as adults we encourage them to be heard in a respectful way – we should also take the time to listen"

For further comment

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