

AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF STATE SCHOOL ORGANISATIONS (ACSSO)

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PARENTS BACK BUDGET

Australia's peak council for parent and citizen groups has backed the education budget, describing it as a thoughtful plan that addressed key issues without heating up the economy.

ACSSO President Jenny Branch said parents were excited by the major funding provided for early childhood education.

"The \$500 plus million is an investment that is long overdue but starts in the right place, the training of new employees in the sector" Ms Branch said.

She said parents would be impressed by the fact that the Government fulfilled all its promises, an important new step in bringing back trust to public life.

"Some so-called experts had been trying to bully the government into breaking its promises, especially the promised tax cuts." Ms Branch said.

"To their credit, the Government delivered those promises."

She described the trade training centres in schools, the university infrastructure payment and the \$11 billion Education Investment Fund and the \$64 million funding of Asian languages as vital investments in Australia's future skill base.

"There is real evidence that some deeper thinking has gone into this budget both in terms of national goals and in the timing of the delivery," She said.

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