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Support our public schools towards a sustainable future

The Australian Council of State School Organisations (ACSSO) acknowledges the need for governments to put in place strategies to reduce our carbon footprint.

Speaking on the issue today, ACSSO President Peter Garrigan said, "We need to act to ensure the future for our young people. In doing this, we call on the government to make certain that public services like health and education are not left financially disadvantaged."

"We ask the government to guarantee that funding to our public schools compensates for the rise in costs such as power to ensure the delivery of a quality education to Australia's young people."

"Complementary to this, we urge governments and businesses to invest in support of public schools becoming more sustainable. Funding the installation of solar power and rainwater tanks would be a beginning most welcomed by parents."

"Improved building design eliminating the need for extensive heating and cooling devices, and the provision of recycling receptacles should also be a part of a holistic plan towards a sustainable future for public schools."

"Environmental education is a key area that can be integrated in our classroom on a daily basis and is essential for the security of our future generations."

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