

gonski factsheet



What people are saying about the Gonski Review

“The Gonski review told us that our funding system isn’t working. We are seeing a decline in results and our system is failing some of our neediest kids. Australia can’t afford to ignore this advice. This is a national problem which exists in every state and every school system, and it’s in the interests of all Australian kids that we work together on it.”

“We aim to legislate this year once a final model is developed.”

Minister for School Education Peter Garrett

“A reformed education system based on the Gonski recommendations can be the key that opens two doors: one to a stronger economy in which Australian students can successfully compete in the Asian century and the other to a fairer society.”

Minister for Trade Craig Emerson

“I think it would be disappointing if the opportunity that Gonski has presented wasn’t accepted. He’s put in place what I think is a reasonable formula for the way in which education could be funded into the future, I think it’s a formula that both benefits public education and non-government education and it’s a formula that we would dismiss at our own peril, I think.”

NSW Premier Barry O’Farrell

“It’s up to us, as mums and dads of Australian schoolchildren, to stand up and tell governments to get their act together and seize this opportunity for the future benefit of Australia.”

**President of the Australian Council of State School Organisations
Peter Garrigan**

"We're saying, 'Forge ahead with Gonski'. We can't sit around and wait for perfection in the model. It's time to act, not to defer to further committees."

Chairman of the NSW branch of the Association of Heads of Independent Schools of Australia John Collier

"What is in it for public schools? An end to the funding arrangements that have tied one hand behind the back of every state school in the country..."

Gonski Review expert panel member and former NSW Director General of Education Ken Boston

"The release of the Gonski Review of School Funding has presented us with the first opportunity in more than three decades to fundamentally reform the way we approach education in this country in the interests of all students."

Greens Leader Senator Christine Milne

"Successful reform of our education system in line with the Gonski report could deliver a whole new world of opportunity for our children – and that means a stronger future for Australia."

Independent MP Tony Windsor

"I believe that the Government must move quickly to find the additional \$5 billion a year in funding recommended by Gonski."

Independent MP Andrew Wilkie

"The longer we wait the more the forces of reaction will muster and position themselves in their usual arrangements."

Former WA Premier and Gonski Review Panel Member Carmen Lawrence

"Australia needs more money spent in education and it needs to ensure that money is spent well, particularly on behalf of those kids throughout our nation who aren't getting a fair go now. Gonski has made very good recommendations that would deal with both those issues: more resources into education and a fair go for everyone. I think it is most important that we now move onto implementation."

Former WA Premier Geoff Gallop

"I call on the Gillard Government to extend the existing funding model for another four years to give schools and parents certainty."

Coalition Education spokesman Christopher Pyne