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CATHOLIC EDUCATION URGENTLY NEEDS FUNDING CERTAINTY

The National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC) Chair, Therese Temby, says the Catholic sector is disappointed by the lack of detail around the Government’s plans, announced today by the Prime Minister, for a future school funding model.

“The Prime Minister’s statement indicates the broad direction the Government intends to take in its proposed National Plan for School Improvement, including the Gonski funding recommendations”, said Mrs Temby.

“NCEC acknowledges the Prime Minister’s announcement that her government would provide additional funding for all schools, but is frustrated that there is still no detail about the Government’s position on many of the settings of the funding model.”

“It has been impossible for NCEC to develop a clear understanding of the impact of the Government’s own modeling.

“We hope that today’s ‘commencing negotiations’ announced by the Prime Minister will clear the way for NCEC to receive a detailed briefing on the Government’s position,” she said.

“Catholic schools urgently need funding certainty.”

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