

FUND SCHOOLS ACCORDING TO NEED – GREENS

In response to misinformation by the coalition concerning the Greens schools policy in the run up to the State Election, Harriett Swift, Greens candidate for Bega today reiterated that The Greens believe good education, accessible to people from all walks of life, is essential to building and maintaining a strong, democratic society.

Whilst the Coalition and the Labor Party continue to cling to a system that gives huge sums of public money to the States richest private schools whilst small public and independent schools remain critically short of funds.

The Greens Education Policy states: "Federal funding to the education system (public and private) should be on the basis of equity to ensure that all Australian children have the best opportunities to achieve the best educational outcomes."

Ms Swift went on to say 'Federal and State money should be used to fund schools according to their needs, whether the school is public or private. It means that funding schools that would otherwise struggle due to lack of proper facilities will have a better chance to give their students a solid education.

"The Greens believe a society that is educated and confident, will prosper."

"Education is the great equalizer," Ms Swift said.

"A fair and happy society is a safer and more productive one. The Greens believe that our Australian Democracy is intricately linked to equality in education," she said.

The full policy, along with all other Greens' policies are available at:

<http://nsw.greens.org.au/policies/education>

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