

## Greens Disability Funding for Schools highlights need

The Australian Primary Principals Association (APPA) welcomes today's policy statement by The Greens on Disability Funding for Schools.

APPA Deputy President, Phil Seymour, said that The Greens' statement highlights the difficult situation schools are managing every day in attempting to meet the diverse needs of students with disabilities.

Mr Seymour said,

"There is no doubt that children with disabilities are missing out in our schools when we can't stretch the current funding to reach all children. The Greens' policy statement makes clear the need for both adequate and certainty in funding, particularly the funding of students with disabilities.

"Australians expect all children to receive a quality primary education, and primary school principals are determined to see every child, no matter circumstance, reach his or her potential."

Mr Seymour also said that APPA supports the funding of students with a disability that is transparent, targeted at need and sector blind.

"It was great to see that The Greens identified how the additional funding would be spent on infrastructure and technology, staff training, transport and classroom resources.

"We know that staff in all our schools are doing their best in classrooms every day and that, with the right support, are better able to deliver quality lessons that meet the wide range of needs and talents found in every classroom.

"And with primary school principals committed to inclusive practices all political parties should recognise that this requires the right resourcing and support."

APPA is the professional association representing over 7,200 Government, Catholic and Independent primary school principals across Australia.

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