School Funding – too many *ifs* and *buts*

The Australian Government now has the Gonski School Funding Report. *If* accepted, the Gonski recommendations are:

- extra school funding of $5 billion – an additional $113 billion over the 12 year cycle  
  *but* where and when can state and federal governments find the money?
- funding to be based on parents’ “capacity to pay” *but* is this means testing?
- a new system of government funding *but* will schools get less because they receive fees and donations?

There are no commitments from the Australian Government, just more consultations, *but* parents must manage household budgets this year and plan for coming years.

Tell your state and federal Members of Parliament you need to know now *if, when and how* school funding will be changed.

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