

# GONSKI GUARANTEE

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## GONSKI PLEDGE:

### As State Parliamentary Leader of the Liberal Party, I commit to the following:

- Upholding the principles of the Gonski Review of school funding and to the continuing use of a needs-based system for distributing funding to schools that is in line with the School Resource Standard (SRS) funding model.
- If able to form government after the March 2014 state election, during the life of that government, I will work to secure Federal Government commitment to funding years 5 and 6 of the Better Schools (Gonski) plan. My actions to achieve this Federal Government commitment will include a pursuit of the issue at COAG and directing my Education Minister to pursue it in Standing Council on School Education and Early Childhood (SCSEEC) meetings.
- Any government led by me will, as a minimum, maintain the funding levels for education that would be required of it under the Tasmanian Gonski agreement — even if the Federal Government makes changes to its funding commitment. Furthermore, I will publicly and stridently condemn any cuts to Better Schools (Gonski) by the Federal Government.
- I commit to ensuring that the share of funding to public schools which would be available under the Better Schools (Gonski) funding approach will be guaranteed under my government along with the agreed levels of funding indexation, spelled out in the Tasmanian Gonski agreement.