

## **DECISION OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE AEU FEDERAL EXECUTIVE: 28 APRIL 2010**

The AEU is disappointed that the Deputy Prime Minister failed to genuinely explore a resolution to the concerns of the profession at the special meeting of the AEU Federal Executive on the 28<sup>th</sup> April 2010. The profession remains deeply concerned about the misuse of student data and the damage caused to students, schools and school communities by league tables and other inappropriate, invalid, inaccurate and misleading school rankings.

The Federal Executive of the AEU reiterates that it is not opposed to the NAPLAN tests which can proceed on condition that the serious concerns of the profession are adequately addressed.

Furthermore the Federal Executive of the AEU restates the profession's support for the provision of meaningful and accurate information on student achievement and school effectiveness to parents.

The Federal Executive of the AEU is disappointed that the Deputy Prime Minister rejected a proposal aimed at addressing the profession's educational concerns through genuine discussions between the AEU and ACARA within a specified timeframe. An agreed position on the use of student data would allow the NAPLAN tests to proceed this term and would form the basis of a long term agreement between the AEU and the Government to continue to build strong school accountability and improvement measures in the interest of students, schools and school communities.

The AEU remains ready and willing to engage in genuine good faith discussions to achieve a resolution to these serious educational concerns so that the NAPLAN tests can proceed.

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