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### **LACK OF CONSULTATION ON NATIONAL CURRICULUM**

The Australian Education Union (AEU) is disappointed with respect to the level of genuine broad consultation with the profession in the development of the National Curriculum so far. The process has ignored the fact that teachers are professionals trained and experienced in the development, implementation and delivery of curriculum.

AEU Federal President, Angelo Gavrielatos, said "the tight time frame of consultation (closes in May) will not allow for the meaningful collective engagement of teachers in the process.

"With implementation of the National Curriculum due to commence next year, we are most concerned that there is still not any plan with an associated budget to support the implementation of the proposed National Curriculum.

"A curriculum document, old or new, in itself does not improve educational outcomes. Educational outcomes may be improved if a curriculum is properly supported and resourced – that includes money for teaching materials and, most importantly, the professional development for teachers," said Mr. Gavrielatos.

#### **NOTE:**

AEU Federal President Angelo Gavrielatos will do a doorstop on the National Curriculum today at 1.00pm in the Domain behind the NSW Parliament House in Sydney.

**WHERE: The Domain (behind NSW Parliament House, Sydney)**

**WHEN: 1.00pm today Monday, 1 March, 2010**

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