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### **Coalition Plan to Slash Not Invest**

The Australian Education Union today criticised the over \$3 billion in education spending cuts announced by the Coalition.

“It is almost beyond belief that the first major commitment on education from the Coalition is to slash billions from the budget,” AEU Federal President Angelo Gavrielatos said.

“Where is their plan to end the underfunding of our public schools or to invest more in TAFE that delivers the world class skills and training Australians need?”

“Public schools suffered more than a decade of neglect under the Howard Government and so far it appears an Abbott Government would be no different.

“The only thing they want to keep is the discredited federal school funding system that gives two thirds of the money to private schools which teach one third of students.

“The Liberal Party’s approach to education continues to be one of extending privilege not opportunity.”

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