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Federal Government Budget Fails Territory Kids

The Northern Territory's peak body representing government school communities has slammed the Turnbull government's 2017 budget for failing to invest in Territory children.

Tabby Fudge, President of the NT Council of Government School Organisations, says "Parents need to understand that rhetoric and spin from the federal government does nothing for our children without the funding attached."

Ms Fudge says "despite the Turnbull government putting out a Fact Sheet on our dreadful levels of disadvantage they have failed to fund our level of need for our disadvantaged students."

"Calling your funding 'student needs based funding' doesn't mean you are funding student's needs and they're not."

"Calling your funding Gonski 2.0 doesn't mean you are funding what the Gonski report recommended to provide a quality education and they're not."

"Telling parents that you are increasing funding to 20% for government schools doesn't tell Territory parents that we receive 23% and we will be the only state or territory to have to 'transition down' in funding."

"Announcing you are increasing education to the Territory without declaring that government schools will have to do the 'heavy lifting' is not fair."

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“Despite the continual funding attacks on Territory government schools they continue to top the Year 12 results every year thanks to our amazing staff and families. Our schools deserve the funding it actually costs to provide every Territory child with a quality education, no matter where they live.”

“Federal Budget 2017 is a clear fail for our voiceless children living with the highest level of educational disadvantage.”

“COGSO will continue to fight to have their voices heard.”

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The Council of Government School Organisations represents over 19,000 Northern Territory families, their 34,500 children and the school communities that support them, in 153 public schools.

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