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AARE Priority messages for forthcoming federal election

The Australian Association for Research in Education (AARE) is the premier professional Association for educational researchers in Australia. Established in 1970, the Association has provided support for successive generations of educational researchers from Australian universities, governments, schools, and private research agencies. Association members have strong links to international networks and parallel Associations. AARE's objectives focus on advancing high quality educational research and promoting its positive impact on policy and practice in education and associated areas of society.

This document outlines AARE's five key education priorities for the next term of federal parliament. It is designed to inform and guide government, education systems, teachers and the wider community to deliver on better outcomes for all students across all educational sectors. These priorities are supported by findings from extensive educational research.

1. Boosting the education workforce

- a) Ensure a well-supported workforce that delivers high quality teaching and student outcomes
- b) Respect for teacher professionalism
- c) Address teacher attraction and retention

2. Research informed policy

- a) Use rigorous and robust research to inform policy
- b) Draw on the latest research findings to deliver high functioning, inclusive education systems

3. Connected solutions

- a) Build stronger alignment across sectors and policy portfolios to ensure strong education outcomes across the life course, from early childhood education to tertiary education.
- b) Better align policies and programs across the education eco-system to avoid duplication, maximise opportunities and optimise resources

4. Equity and educational outcomes

- a) Invest in equity initiatives that have been shown to produce improvements
- b) Draw from available research to identify effective ways to tackle inequalities across all stages and sectors of education
- c) Act with urgency to interrupt long standing patterns of disadvantage and inequity

5. Widening participation and nurturing aspirations

- a) Build strong futures and aspirations among all students
- b) Foster more joined up and accessible post school pathways