



**AEU Submission to the
Future Uses for Former School Sites
Consultation Process**

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Australian Education Union wishes to take the opportunity to provide the *Future Uses for Former School Sites* consultation process with its position.

The AEU represents the vast majority of public school teachers across Australia, with 170 000 members. It is the peak professional and industrial organisation for teachers in public education. Given this level of representation amongst public school teachers, we were disappointed not to have received a special invitation to provide our position on the future use of former school sites.

The AEU holds the following principles in regard to future use of former school sites:

- The AEU's preferred option is that former school sites be used for community/public use, either by the retention or partial retention of school buildings and grounds or by the redevelopment of part or all of the site for community use (or a combination of these options).
- If the above option was not possible, the AEU would find it acceptable if former school sites were fully used or partially used for open space.
- The AEU does not support the use of former school sites for independent or Catholic schools under any circumstances. This includes our opposition to the option of demolishing the school building and developing/selling the site off to any independent school.

If you wish to discuss the AEU's position further please contact me on 6272 7900.

Regards,

**Clive Haggart
Secretary**

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