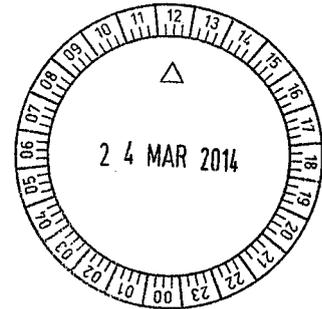


Mr Peter Collins

Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs  
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Dear Chairman,

**Re: Committee submission in regards to funding and staff cuts to WA schools**

As a grandparent I am concerned what these cuts to education will do to the future opportunities for WA children. Ensuring our children receive the best education is essential for the future of this State.

The cuts to education outlined by the State Government total \$158million and include:

- 342 teachers (FTE) less across all schools, by reducing the base number of teacher allocations in all schools;
- 117 FTE teachers less by changing the multiplier in high school years 8 -12;
- 7.4 FTE teachers less in EAL/D (English as Additional Language or Dialect);
- 26.6 FTE teachers less for Intensive Language Centres;
- 105 Aboriginal Islander Education Officer (AIEO) FTE less;
- 150 FTE staff in Central and Regional Office have been cut;
- 91 Education Assistants cut in early childhood education;
- A 30% reduction in School Support Program Resource Allocation (SSPRA), which funds support for students in areas such as behaviour, attendance, literacy and numeracy;
- A cut in postage budget to schools;
- Grants have been cut; this includes the School Innovation Grants, special purpose program funding and the Aboriginal Innovation Schools Project;
- A 1.5% reduction in school grant procurement and travel reduction;
- Supplementary funding for managing challenging behaviours has ceased;
- Teacher FTE allocations to the School of Special Education Need, SIDE and the School of Instrumental Music has been reduced;
- The additional 0.1FTE attached to Level 3 teachers, for training and mentoring has been cut;
- PEAC teacher allocation has been reduced by up to 10%; and
- A leave liability levy has been introduced, charging schools \$600 per teacher and \$400 per school support staff member.

I would request the Committee investigate the impacts these changes will have on staffing and programs that help literacy, numeracy and children with special needs.

I have not taken my complaint to the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administrative Investigations (Ombudsman).

Regards,

**Peter Collins**  
19<sup>th</sup> March 2014