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CLP says no to $1 billion for Indigenous Education

Shadow Education Minister Michael Gunner today condemned Adam Giles and the CLP for refusing to sign up to receive $1 billion in funding for indigenous education.

“Adam Giles is saying no to $1 billion for indigenous education,” said Mr Gunner.

“The Commonwealth revealed yesterday that $1.0 billion is on the table for Indigenous students in NT schools from 2014 to 2019¹. This will benefit 16,800 students in 187 schools.

“Adam Giles is rejecting $60,000 per indigenous student. This is part of the Gonski deal that Adam Giles has rejected and is in addition to the $200 million across all schools.

“The NSW Liberal premier has signed up for $24,000 for each indigenous student in NSW. In contrast, Adam Giles is rejecting more than twice as much.”

Based on the latest ABS Census data, by backing Adam Giles:

- Bess Price is saying **No** to $96 million more for indigenous kids in Stuart
- Francis Xavier is saying **No** to $140 million more for indigenous kids in Arafura
- Larisa Lee is saying **No** to $126 million more for indigenous kids in Arnhem
- Alison Anderson is saying **No** to $109 million more for indigenous kids in Namitjira
- Gary Higgins is saying **No** to $84 million more for indigenous kids in Daly

In contrast:

- Gerry McCarthy is saying **Yes** to $112 million more for indigenous kids in the Barkley
- Lynne Walker is saying **Yes** to $85 million more for indigenous kids in Nhulunbuy

“Improving education is the most important thing we can do towards improving the bush. Instead of investing the CLP is cutting education in the bush. Less teachers, crowded classrooms and 215 less indigenous students in senior schools next year.

“Our first indigenous Chief Minister is playing politics with kids in the bush who deserve the better education that this opportunity presents,” said Mr Gunner

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