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THROWING MONEY AT COMMUNITY SCHOOLS WILL NOT
ACHIEVE RESULTS AT A SECONDARY LEVEL

A Statement made today by the Minister for Employment,
Education and Training has an underlying emphasis on providing
secondary education to Aboriginal schools.

Member for Braitling, Loraine Braham, believes the Minister must
acknowledge that primary education in community schools is not
getting results and will not work until the community, parents and
teachers work together in partnership.

Mrs Braham said that before allocating more resources, community
leaders and parents need to demonstrate they are willing to support
schools and teachers in social areas and make sure that:
• children do not arrive at school hungry;
• students are not subjected to late nights because of community
disturbances;
• students regularly attend school;
• parents supervise homework either at home or at school;
• parents are involved in school activities such as excursions,
sporting activities; and
• children are instilled with a sense of pride in learning.

Mrs Braham said that these points are no more than would be
expected of parents sending their children to a town school.

“Signing an MOU with communities and parents before pouring
more money into communities would strengthen the Government’s
proposals for improving outcomes”, said Mrs Braham.

“As well, being creative and flexible in curriculum delivery, and
ensuring staff are skilled, are essential elements for achieving
results for students in communities”, added Mrs Braham.

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