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of South Australia

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Dear Sir/Madam

Response to 20-Year State Infrastructure Strategy Discussion Paper

The Association of Independent Schools of South Australia (AISSA) represents the interests of 103 SA Independent Schools with an enrolment in excess of 48,700 students. The *20-Year State Infrastructure Strategy Discussion Paper* identifies a need for the three school sectors “to consider future demand for additional primary and secondary education facilities in new urban and existing high growth areas” having regard to “changing demographics and consumer preferences”.

A key barrier to the establishment of new Independent schools is the current lack of available and affordable funding sources which enable interested parties who wish to establish a school to secure and develop fit for purpose premises which will meet the long-term educational needs of students. This is a particular issue for non-systemic providers. It is essential that, if there is to be a strategy for more planned provision of education which includes growth in the non-government school sector, the strategy includes access to government financial support. This support should also recognise the realities of school choice outside the government school sector rather than a narrow emphasis on perceived demographic need.

I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this matter further with you.

Yours sincerely

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