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P&C Council Concerned about *Towards 2020* Impacts

The ACT Council of Parents' and Citizens' Associations has significant concerns about the Government's final decisions on the *Towards 2020* plan.

"While we are still analysing the detail, the Government has delivered a mix bag of decisions on *Towards 2020*", said Ms Jane Gorrie, outgoing President of P&C Council.

"Council welcomes the reprieve for four primary schools and Dickson College, as well as the decision not to change Campbell High to a 7-12 school. We are also pleased, for example, that the Government has abandoned many of its proposed school and site amalgamations that were simply unworkable."

"However, the fact remains that 11 government primary schools and 1 high school are to close. Seven primary schools are to close next week. The Government has stood by a timeframe that gives these schools and their parent associations an un-realistic one week to wind up their operations.

"Parents and students have very limited time to sort out schooling arrangements for next year."

Council is also concerned that the Government has not responsibly analysed the full implications for schools that will receive significant increases in enrolments from next year.

"We have very little confidence in the Government's school capacity calculations or their willingness to now do this properly," said Ms Gorrie.

"We do not believe that all receiving schools will have enough space to accommodate displaced students appropriately from the all-important first day of school next year."

There remains the fact that the *Towards 2020* plan will increase social inequity within the ACT:

