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**Investing in Education: Investing in Australia**

The Federal government has unveiled a second stimulus package worth \$42 billion titled Nation Building and Jobs Plan, in an attempt to stave off a deep economic recession.

The Federation welcomes the \$14.7 billion to be invested in school infrastructure and maintenance and bringing forward funding for trade training centers. This is a great way to stimulate the Australian economy investing in education is investing for the future of all of Australia.

The President of the Federation of P&C NSW Mrs. Dianne Giblin states that "The Government has taken a step to bring public education in Australia up to date with the 21<sup>st</sup> century which is an important step to stimulating the economy and investing in Australia's future."

"Schools around the nation will have an opportunity to upgrade their facilities and this impact will be felt for many generations to come as students and families will benefit both immediately and in the future." Dianne said. The five one-off cash bonuses worth up to \$950 will be paid to middle and low-income workers and families, children going back-to-school, and people undertaking training is also acknowledged by the Federation. However, Federation still sees that greater priority should be placed on equity, distributing funds to those schools and parents who need the extra assistance most when and where they require support rather than a roll out for all.

Federation is looking forward to getting a greater appreciation for the details of the stimulus package, and will continue to call for public education to be the first priority for the government of Australia.

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