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Senator Penny Wright
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Senate
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Senator Wright,

Re. Curriculum Review

I write on behalf of the Australian Federation of Graduate Women to commend you on the Motion you raised in the Senate on Wednesday 12th February calling on the Government to immediately restore the established system of appointing independent education experts to oversee the development and implementation of the Australian Curriculum.

AFGW is the national voice of graduate women working, since 1922, through initiatives in Education especially for the advancement and wellbeing of women and girls. We view education as essential for empowering people; reducing poverty; improving health; understanding human rights; and, maintaining human security and building peace.

We have supported the development and implementation of an Australian school curriculum that will provide an educational grounding that will enhance the development of our children, provide pathways to higher education, and give them the skills and enthusiasm to participate as active citizens of our society.

At our triennial national meeting in 2009 we agreed "That the 34th AFUW Conference calls upon AFUW and the State and Territory Associations to monitor the implementation of the national curriculum across Australia:

- a) to consider the impact of the emphasis on consequential testing on education at pre-tertiary levels and
- b) to advocate for the provision of quality resources, with a focus on the provision of qualified staff and professional development support for all staff as they implement the national curriculum. "

Thank you for your focus on this very important issue.

Yours sincerely,

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