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The Honourable Jason Clare MP
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Dear Minister Clare

We write to congratulate you on the election victory of the Labor party and confirmation of your position as Minister for Education in this new term of government.

Our union notes the extensive education reform agenda of the previous Labor government and your personal commitment to building a fairer education system for all students.

Prior to the election of the ALP government in 2022, education policy was unduly influenced by actors external to the system and external to the life of schooling. This resulted in education policies that failed to reflect the realities of modern education and the teaching profession.

The approach over the last three years could not have been more different.

Your personal commitment to the importance of education and willingness to work directly with the profession and their unions helped underpin the significant education achievements during the last term of government. The IEU highlighted these significant outcomes to members throughout the election campaign that contrasted with the inadequate, and in many cases damaging, policy positions of the LNP Coalition.

As you know, there are many issues impacting the delivery of quality education and the work of our members in schools and early childhood education. Political and media attacks on the professional autonomy of teachers and excessive workloads remain significant concerns.

The IEU will continue to campaign on the further changes needed to reduce teacher workload and career burnout. While the immediate responsibility for these issues rests with school employers in our sector, there is also scope for federal government intervention to help address these issues.

We look forward to continuing our work with you and the Department of Education on these challenges.

Minster, congratulations on the successful election outcome and your achievements in the education portfolio.

Kind Regards

**BRAD HAYES**
**FEDERAL SECRETARY**