

- a) whether the evidence suggests that NAPLAN is achieving its stated objectives  
Yes, the evidence shows that NAPLAN is providing teachers with a tool to assess their students' progress, thereby enabling them to provide students with targeted help.
- b) unintended consequences of NAPLAN's introduction  
In our view, there have been no unintended consequences.
- c) NAPLAN's impact on teaching and student learning practices  
The evidence suggests that NAPLAN has started changing teaching and learning behaviour in a positive way. Teachers work harder to make sure their students do not fall behind, and students are studying harder in preparation for the NAPLAN tests.
- d) the impact on teaching and student learning practices of publishing NAPLAN test results on the MySchool website  
To achieve its stated objectives, publishing NAPLAN results is necessary. Transparency of NAPLAN results provides an incentive for both teachers and schools to work harder to reach higher standards of learning.
- e) potential improvements to the program, to improve student learning and assessment  
It should be compulsory for all students to sit NAPLAN tests. We have heard anecdotal evidence of some schools discouraging students from sitting the NAPLAN tests because they are concerned about the students' performance. This defeats the objectives of NAPLAN and means that students are being denied the opportunity to have their strengths and weaknesses assessed. NAPLAN is designed to lift up academic levels for all students. Therefore, all students should have this opportunity to perform.