



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STANDING COMMITTEE
ON EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT**
INQUIRY INTO THE AUSTRALIAN EDUCATION BILL 2012

*Chair: Ms Amanda Rishworth MP
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Melbourne hearing for Australian Education Bill 2012

At a public hearing in Melbourne on Wednesday, the Education and Employment Committee will hear from key stakeholders in the education community regarding the Australian Education Bill 2012.

The Australian Education Bill 2012 sets out three goals for Australian schooling:

- to provide an excellent education for all students;
- for Australian schooling to be highly equitable; and
- for Australian schooling to be placed in the top five countries in reading, science, mathematics, quality and equity in recognised international testing by 2025.

The Bill commits the Commonwealth to work collaboratively with states, territories, the non-government sector and other partners to meet these goals through developing and implementing a national plan for school improvement and needs-based funding and arrangements.

The Chair, Ms Amanda Rishworth MP, said, 'the Australian Education Bill follows the Gonski review into school funding and establishes a framework for the future direction of education in this country. The Committee looks forward to hearing from a range of stakeholders on this important bill.'

Date: Wednesday, 6 March 2013

Venue: Room G6, Committee Offices, 55 St Andrews Place, East Melbourne

Time:

9:40am	Australian Parents Council
10:15am	Foundation for Young Australians and Australian Youth Affairs Coalition
11:05am	Australian Federation of Disability Organisations
11.40am	Centre for Research on Education Systems, Melbourne University
1:25pm	Australian Council of State School Organisations
2:00pm	Academic Panel

Webcast: Live on [http://www.aph.gov.au/News and Events/Watch Parliament](http://www.aph.gov.au/News_and_Events/Watch_Parliament) (audio only)

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