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TEACHER APPRAISAL PLAN FAILS TO PLEASE

A Federal Government initiative to better appraise, develop and reward teachers falls short because it lacks resources, threatens individual school autonomy and fails to consult those that will implement it.

The Executive Director of the Association of Independent Schools of SA, Garry Le Duff, said today's announcement by Federal Education Minister Peter Garrett is welcomed insofar as it better aligned and uses the national standards for teachers.

Mr Le Duff said he has already received from member schools strong criticism of elements of the initiative.

"Our schools pride themselves on their professional development and appraisal processes," Mr Le Duff said.

"They are offended at receiving a directive from a centralised Government bureaucracy that shows that it does not understand what our schools already are doing and achieving.

"There also is considerable concern over precisely who will assess and appraise teachers in Independent schools and how it would be regulated."

Mr Le Duff said the Association was seeking more information on the proposal.

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