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ANY FUNDING CHANGES MUST BE RIGOROUSLY TESTED

Any significant changes to the funding of non-government schools must be subjected to significant trials to ensure that the changes work for each and every school.

The Association of Independent Schools of South Australia notes the release this morning of the report from the National School Resourcing Board.

The Board proposes that funding be based on a direct measure of a school's median household income through linking each non-government school student's address and the taxation office data for that address.

The Chief Executive of the Association, Carolyn Grantskalns, said: "Any changes to the funding system must not make it harder for parents to choose the school that best meets the needs of their children and family.

"There are many unknowns arising from the recommendations. Extensive and rigorous modelling must be undertaken for each school community before any change is implemented.

"Given that the current model was tested for more than three years before implementation, it is unwise to attempt to move to a very different system by 2020."

The Association welcomed Education and Training Minister Birmingham's commitment to consult non-government school sectors and to ensure that the funding system is transparent, consistently applied and needs-based.

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