



## AUSTRALIAN GREENS SA

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Dear Frankie Bray,

### RE: Election Submission three - Special Needs

Thank you for your correspondence regarding your Election Submission on special needs in public schools. The information you send through was both informative and much appreciated.

In response, here are some points from the perspective of the Greens for your consideration:

- We will look into your concern that teaching courses at university should be reviewed to ensure they adequately cover special needs education.
- The Greens believe the Education department needs to further develop educational expertise. There are twenty departmental coordinators who are specialists in training and provide services to teachers in schools and also up skill teachers to directly meet the needs of students. We acknowledge the expertise of Autism SA and SPELD and believe the sector should work with the education department to meet the needs of students.
- We will raise questions in Parliament about the negotiated education plans and why students who are eligible are not receiving access to this program. We also believe more support needs to be extended to teachers to meet this requirement.
- We will also raise questions about assessment of students with special needs and why there is no re-assessment even though parents and the school believe there should be a re-assessment.

We will send you a copy of the Ministerial letter and a response from the Minister.

Thank you again for writing to the Greens SA. If you have any questions or would like some more information in regards to our education policy, please contact our offices.

Yours sincerely,

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