Open letter to Australia's education ministers

Public release of the independent review of AERO

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Dear Education Ministers,

We, the undersigned education associations, respectfully request that the Education Ministers Meeting on 2 November 2026 authorise the public release of the completed independent KPMG review of the Australian Education Research Organisation (AERO).

Both AERO and its independent review are publicly funded. Given AERO's national role in informing policy and practice across education, the findings of this review carry direct implications for the profession, including decisions about curriculum guidance, professional learning investment, and evidence-based practice. Releasing the report would support transparency and ensure the profession and wider community can engage with the evidence informing decisions about AERO's future.

We recognise that redactions may be necessary where legally required to protect genuinely confidential or personal information. Beyond this, we believe the review's findings and recommendations should be released in full.

We respectfully ask education ministers to authorise the release of the report at the November 2026 meeting of the Education Ministers Meeting.

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