

## Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn CATHOLIC EDUCATION COMMISSION

## MEDIA RELEASE

## CATHOLIC EDUCATION APPLAUDS THE CANBERRA LIBERALS' PROMISE OF LAND FOR A CATHOLIC SCHOOL IN THE MOLONGLO VALLEY

The Catholic Education Commission applauds the announcement made today by Mr Steve Doszpot, Liberal Shadow Minister for Education. If elected the Liberal Party has committed to provide land for a new Catholic school in the Molonglo Valley. This allocation of land comes after six years of attempts by Catholic Education to secure a site for a Catholic school in this greenfields area.

"To date no allocation of land for Catholic schools has taken place despite frequent requests at all levels in the ACT Government. The urgent provision of suitable sites in Molonglo for Catholic Schools is imperative if the Molonglo community is to be given the same opportunities and choice in education as other Canberrans", said Mrs Moira Najdecki, Director of Catholic Education.

"We will continue to work with all the political parties to secure a bipartisan commitment in this area to ensure greater fairness and choice for the sector regardless of the election outcome."

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