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TEACHERS FEDERATION CALLING FOR CONSULTATION ON GOVERNMENT PLAN FOR NEW SCHOOLS.

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The NSW Teachers Federation acknowledges the urgent need for the Government to address the increase in school enrolments and build new schools.

Acting Teachers Federation President Joan Lemaire said the new agency announced by the Education Minister also needs to make sure our public schools are well maintained and that the current maintenance backlog is reduced.

“Good teaching and learning depends on a range of factors including the provision of well designed schools and classrooms,” Ms Lemaire said.

“The current overcrowding problem in some schools is a concern for teachers who want to provide every child with a quality education in modern, well maintained classrooms,” Ms Lemaire said.

She said it was critical that teachers were consulted as part of the planning process for new schools.

“There needs to be extensive consultations with teachers to ensure that all public schools have the resources to meet the diverse learning needs of students,” Ms Lemaire said.



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“We need to provide appropriate facilities for every student and to support students with disability.”

“There is a critical need for all schools to be properly networked to allow easy access to information technology to support learning outcomes.”

Ms Lemaire said the test of the School Strategic Asset plan will be that it delivers quality teaching and learning environments and not a cheap, quick fix solution to rapid enrolment growth.

The Federation will seek ongoing consultation with the Government and Education Infrastructure NSW to ensure that both current and new public schools provide the learning environments to support all students to achieve their best.

Joan Lemaire is available for interview after 12 noon today.

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