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From Australian Government Primary Principal's Association (AGPPA)

National Council Meeting – Brisbane, August 15 and 16

Numerous members of affiliated Principal Associations from around Australia have contacted AGPPA National Council members to inform them of issues and possible solutions to be taken to the National Summit on teacher shortages, that was led by the new Federal Education Minister Jason Clare on Friday August 12, 2022.

Unfortunately, neither APPA (Australian Primary Principals Association) representing over 7500 school leaders and 2.2 million primary children and AGPPA (Australian Government Primary Principals Association) who represent over 5300 of these school leaders, were invited to the summit. No other primary professional organisation was invited to this Roundtable meeting. This lack of a primary education perspective is concerning. Collectively our organisations have expressed our significant disappointment at the lack of inclusion of the voice of primary leadership at this meeting, to both the federal government and the Education Department in Canberra.

Reports in the media indicate that the meeting did achieve positive outcomes. All states and territories recognise the collective need to work together in order to address what is a national issue, impacting daily on so many school communities, and the learning outcomes of students across our nation.

AGPPA's National Council members meeting in Brisbane this week identified the importance of being part of the collective response proposed as an outcome of Friday's meeting. The inclusion of AGPPA in future meetings is crucial to enable the formulation of well-rounded, experience-based strategies that are desperately needed to address this pressing national teacher shortage.