NSW Education Minister Rob Stokes:

"What was designed to be a simple check-up has become a major operation." South Australian Education Minister Susan Close:

"The whole focus among teachers, among parents, and among students has created an environment of high stress and concern around the test itself."

Queensland Education Minister Grace Grace:

"I want to have a look at how NAPLAN is being delivered in our classrooms and whether children are actually benefitting from the NAPLAN tests."

QTU President Kevin Bates

"With a genuinely independent review that looks at all of the features, impacts and contexts of NAPLAN we have a chance to shape the future of our education system in a more positive way." NSW Teachers Federation President Maurie Mulheron:

"It's time now, I think, to review NAPLAN and see it for what it is — a very crude, unsophisticated, expensive and highly inaccurate test."

Australian Education Union Position Statement on National Testing:

"NAPLAN has failed by every criterion that it has set itself" Associate Professor Jihyun Lee from UNSW Sydney:

"There has not been a thorough and practical evaluation of the external validity of the program"

The Australian Parents Council President Shelley Hill:

"APC has long held the view that public reporting of the NAPLAN results can cause stress and confusion for parents and students."

Professor Beryl Exley from Griffith University:

"We know that NAPLAN is an expensive exercise and we have good reason to be cautious when we see Government and media using that data in ways that it wasn't meant to be used."

Associate Professor Michael Nagel, University of the Sunshine Coast:

"We should be looking to examine what the children know in ways that don't create stomach pains and nausea." Associate Professor Greg Thompson, QUT:

"The two aims that policymakers have for NAPLAN: "to help drive improvements in student outcomes and provide increased accountability for the community" can confound each other in practice."

Review NAPLAN NOW!



