

Variation Agreement extending the Bilateral Agreement Between New South Wales and the Commonwealth

Preliminaries

1. In accordance with clause 22 of the National School Reform Agreement, the Parties agree to amend the Bilateral Agreement Between New South Wales and the Commonwealth (the Agreement) as set out in this Variation Agreement.
2. In December 2022, Education Ministers agreed to undertake a review to inform the next National School Reform Agreement. To enable time for this review, Education Ministers agreed to extend the current National School Reform Agreement for 12 months, subject to agreement from First Ministers. This Agreement will be extended for the same period.

Variations to the Agreement

3. The Parties agree to amend the Agreement as follows:

Item	Clause reference	Variation
1.	Clause 3	In clause 3, '31 December 2023' is replaced with '31 December 2024'.
2.	Clause 5	In clause 5, replace existing text with 'NSW is focused on improving outcomes and opportunities for every student, including improvements for all equity cohorts.'
3.	Clause 6	<p>In clause 6, 'the 'Closing the Gap' agenda' is replaced with 'commitments made in the historic Partnership Agreement on 'Closing the Gap''.</p> <p>In clause 6, after 'National Indigenous Reform Agreement' insert '(NIRA)'.</p> <p>In clause 6, after 'every aspect of their education.' insert 'In July 2020, a new National Agreement on Closing the Gap was signed by all Australian Governments and the Coalition of Peaks to build on a replace the NIRA.'</p>
4.	Clause 7	In clause 7, replace existing text with 'At the time of execution in 2018, NSW had agreed strategies in place to address reform priorities.'
5.	Clause 8	In clause 8, 'The activities listed above are' is replaced with 'These activities, listed in previous agreements, were'.
6.	Clause 9	In clause 9, 'Building on these reforms activities,' is replaced with 'This'.
7.	Clause 19	In clause 19, 'from 2018 to 2023' is replaced with 'from 2018 to

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		2024'.
8.	Table after clause 19	After the final column in the table in clause 19, add an additional column titled '2024' with '72.65%' in the row dealing with the Government sector and '22.20%' in the row dealing with the Non-Government sector.
9.	Clause 30	In clause 30, 'Department of Education and Training' is replaced with 'Australian Government Department of Education'.
10.	Table 2 after clause 50	After the final column in Table 2 after clause 50, add an additional column titled '2024 (\$m)' with \$71.2 in the row dealing with the Government Sector. In the note, '2023' is replaced with '2024'.

The Parties have confirmed their commitment to this agreement as follows:

Signed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia by

The Honourable Jason Clare MP
Minister for Education

Date: 12/12/23

Signed for and on behalf of the state of New South Wales by

The Honourable Prudence Car MP
Deputy Premier of New South Wales

Minister for Education and Early Learning

Date: 11 December 2023