

Variation Agreement extending the Bilateral Agreement Between Western Australia 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 Western Australia 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 10	After clause 10, insert clause 11: Information in this section of the agreement was current as at the time of signing the original agreement in 2018. There has been significant further investment and reform in school education by the Western Australian Government in subsequent years.
3.	Clause 30	In clause 30 'from 2018 to 2023' is replaced with 'from 2018 to 2024'.
4.	Table after clause 30	After the final column in the table after clause 30, add an additional column titled '2024' with '75.00%' in the row dealing with the Government sector, and '20.00%' in the row dealing with the Non-government sector.
5.	Subclause 31 (b)	At subclause 31 (b), 'outlined at clause 29' is replaced with 'outlined at clause 30'.
6.	Clause 33	At clause 33, 'set out in clause 29 above' is replaced with 'set out in clause 30 above'.
7.	Subclause 40 (a) and (b)	At subclause 40 (a) and (b), 'clause 34 above' is replaced with 'clause 35 above'.

8.	Clause 41	At clause 41, 'set out in clause 34' is replaced with 'set out in clause 35'.
9.	Clause 45	At clause 45, 'listed in clause 45 below' is replaced with 'listed in clause 46 below'. At clause 45, 'the agreed methodology in clause 34' is replaced with 'the agreed methodology in clause 35'.
10.	Clause 46	At clause 46, 'in accordance with clause 44 above' is replaced with 'in accordance with clause 45 above'.
11.	Clause 47	At clause 47, 'Year T in clause 29' is replaced with 'Year T in clause 30'.

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: 12/6/23

Signed for and on behalf of the state of Western Australia by



The Honourable Dr Tony Buti MLA
Minister for Education

Date: 29/11/23