

# Media Release

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## IS JESS WILSON CUTTING YOUR LOCAL SCHOOL NEXT?

Every parent across Victoria wants the best for their kids.

But Liberal leader Jess Wilson and Nationals Leader Danny O'Brien are slashing investment regional schools.

They said it themselves - they want to spend only 25% on regional school infrastructure.

That's a cut from Labor's current investment – abandoning regional families and letting schools crumble.

Over 30% of Labor's investment in upgrading and modernising schools goes to regional and rural communities.

So which schools would be worse off because of Jess and Danny's cuts?

Ararat Primary School?

Bacchus Marsh College?

Daylesford Primary School?

Eaglehawk Primary School?

Maryborough Education Centre?

Stawell Primary School?

Surfside Primary School?

Warragul North Primary School?

Yarrawonga College P-12?

When Jess Wilson's Liberals were last in government, they cut \$1 billion from education, and we know they want to do it again.

It's all part of Jess Wilson's plan to cut \$40 billion from the state budget - because you just can't make \$40 billion in cuts without cutting schools.

Victoria doesn't need brutal Liberal cuts.

Victorian children deserve a world-class education at their local public school – and only Labor can be trusted to deliver it.

### Quotes attributable to Deputy Premier and Minister for Education Ben Carroll

*"Jess Wilson and Danny O'Brien need to come clean – which regional public school is first on the chopping block?"*

*"Only a vote for Labor can save your local public school from Jess Wilson's regional schools cuts plan."*

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