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1. INTRODUCTION

Independent Schools Australia (ISA) is the national peak body representing the Independent school sector. Independent schools to the attention of the Australian Government and to represent the sector on national issues.

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We ask that at least an equivalent level (\$17 million per year) of funding be provided through the Budget to the Independent school sector for the proposed one-year extension of the current National School Reform Agreement (NSRA) in 2024 and for the duration of the next NSRA.

- **3.** NON-GOVERNMENT REFORM SUPPORT FUND
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APPENDIX 1 - HISTORY OF FUNDING SUPPORT FOR REFORM IN THE INDEPENDENT SECTOR

Begun in 1993, and fully introduced in 1994, the National Equity Program for Schools (NEPS) subsumed many of the previous targeted programs that aimed to remove educational disadvantage. These included English As, A Second Language, Special Education, Disadvantaged Schools, Country Areas, Literacy and Learning, Students at Risk, Gifted and Talented, Gender Equity and Students with Disabilities programs.

The broad goals of the NEPS were to maximise educational outcomes for students in equity target groups, t