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## Not just schools that are over-costed

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### **Create building templates to meet needs**

IN RESPONSE to the article in *The Sunday Age*, the Victorian Principals Association (VPA) has developed a position paper which calls on the State Government to ensure:

- That each primary school receives the federal indicative cap unless an individual school community has agreed otherwise, e.g. adopting a network approach.
- That the costs of fitting templates be appropriate to individual school conditions. In particular circumstances, non-template designs (should) be created to accommodate school needs within the funding formula unless otherwise agreed by school council.

Importantly, the VPA asks that there is full transparency, with public declaration of programs funded noting additional monies coming from state funding. The VPA meets regularly with the Government to monitor this process.

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