PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE NO. 3 – EDUCATION

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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"Since public comments by Pauline Hanson relating to students with autism, committee members have been contacted by parents distressed at the impact of these comments." said the Chair of Portfolio Committee No. 3, the Hon Lou Amato MLC, who is currently conducting the inquiry into education to students with a disability or special needs in New South Wales schools.

"The committee supports the inclusion of students with disabilities, including autism, in New South Wales schools as being of benefit to all students and rejects any suggestion that children with disabilities be segregated. The committee is currently considering these issues in detail and will issue a full report in due course." advised Mr Amato.

More information about the inquiry, including the terms of reference, submissions and transcripts, is available on the committee's <u>website</u>.

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