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Dear Ms McMichael

The NSW Teachers Federation wishes to have the transcript of our statements in the hearing for the Inquiry into the Building the Education Revolution program amended as follows:

- Page 43 – In responding to a question from the Hon. Greg Pearce, Gary Zadkovich said “more permanent construction methods” (not “destruction”)
- Page 46 – Statement from Mary Fogarty should read “just north of here” (not “hear”).

Also, please convey the following answers in response to the questions from the Hon. Christine Robertson MLC:

Question: Can you please outline the way the Teachers Federation deals with the Public Sector Code of Conduct, how it applies to teachers and how they assist teachers with dealing with this process?

Answer: *The Public Sector Code of Conduct does not specifically apply to teachers in public education. The NSW Department of Education and Training has a Code of Conduct released in 2009. The Teachers Federation was consulted about this Code and raised significant concerns about its contents. Many of these concerns were not addressed, hence the Federation did not endorse the Code. Some concerns related to sections which may have the potential of undermining members' industrial and/or legal rights. The Federation will provide appropriate assistance to members if these rights are threatened or undermined.*

Question: Has the Teachers Federation raised any of its concerns with the Department of Education and Training, for example, at the regular BER consultative meetings you attend, prior to deciding to conduct a media campaign against the program?

Answer: *Teachers Federation representatives have regularly attended the BER consultative meetings and raised concerns about the implementation of the BER program.*

The Federation again thanks the Legislative Council committee for the opportunity of contributing to this Inquiry.

Yours sincerely

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Acting General Secretary