

Get Gonski Back on Track

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Save Our Schools

Gonski Before and After

The Gonski reforms “will penalise schools, particularly Catholic and independent ones...” [Alan Tudge, House of Representatives, 12 February 2013]

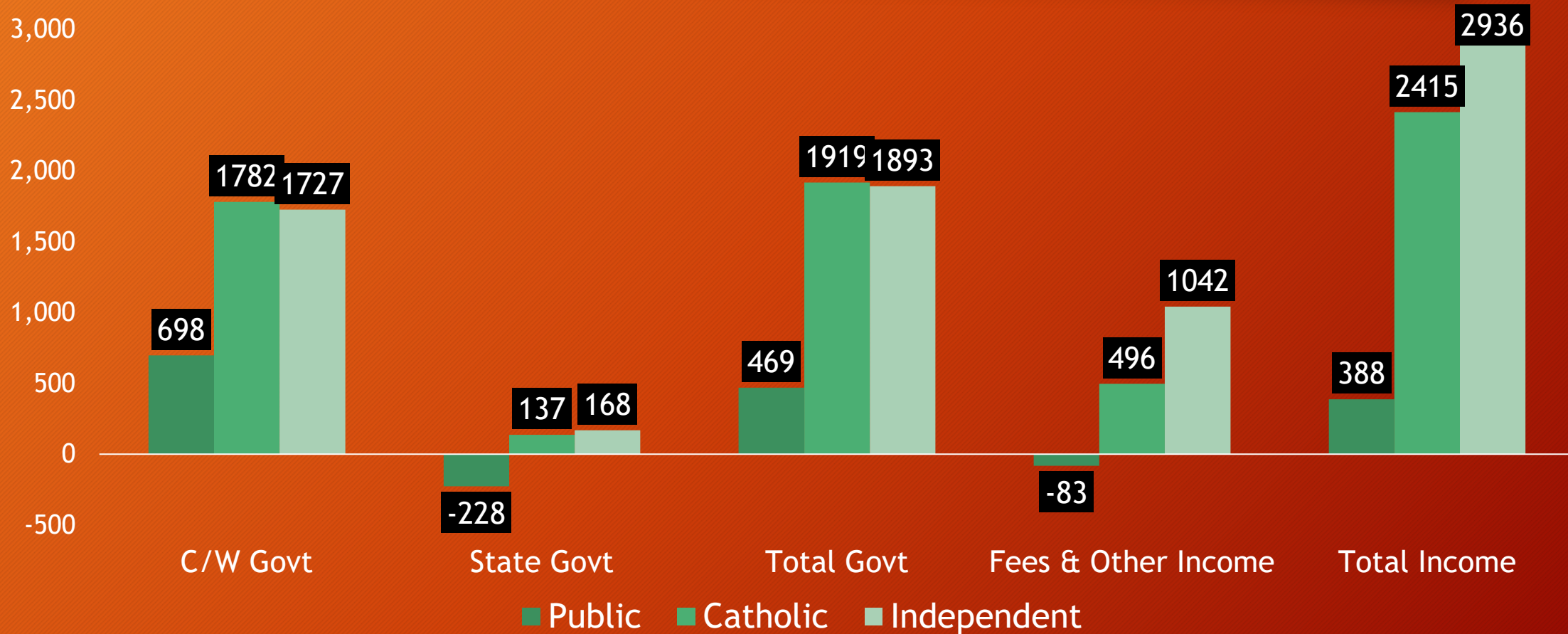
“Abbott and Pyne refused to endorse Gonski....They tried to suffocate the policy at birth.” [Paul Kelly, The Australian, 4 December 2013]

“...the school funding wars are now over.” [Alan Tudge, Speech, 11 March 2021]

The Catholic school system has “never had it so good” in terms of funding. [Archbishop Anthony Fisher, Sydney Morning Herald, 27 May 2021].

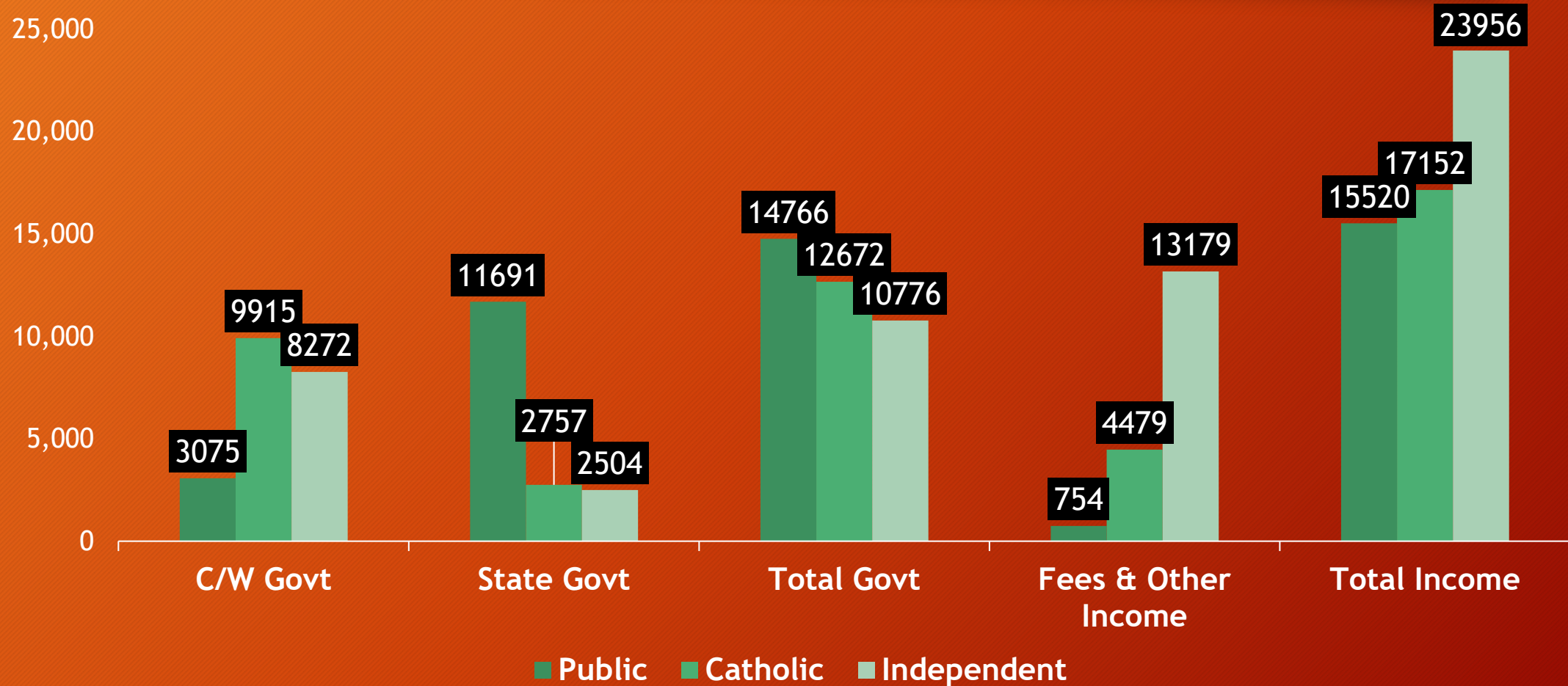
Ditto for Independent schools.

Change in School Income by Source, 2009-2019 (\$ per student, adjusted for inflation)

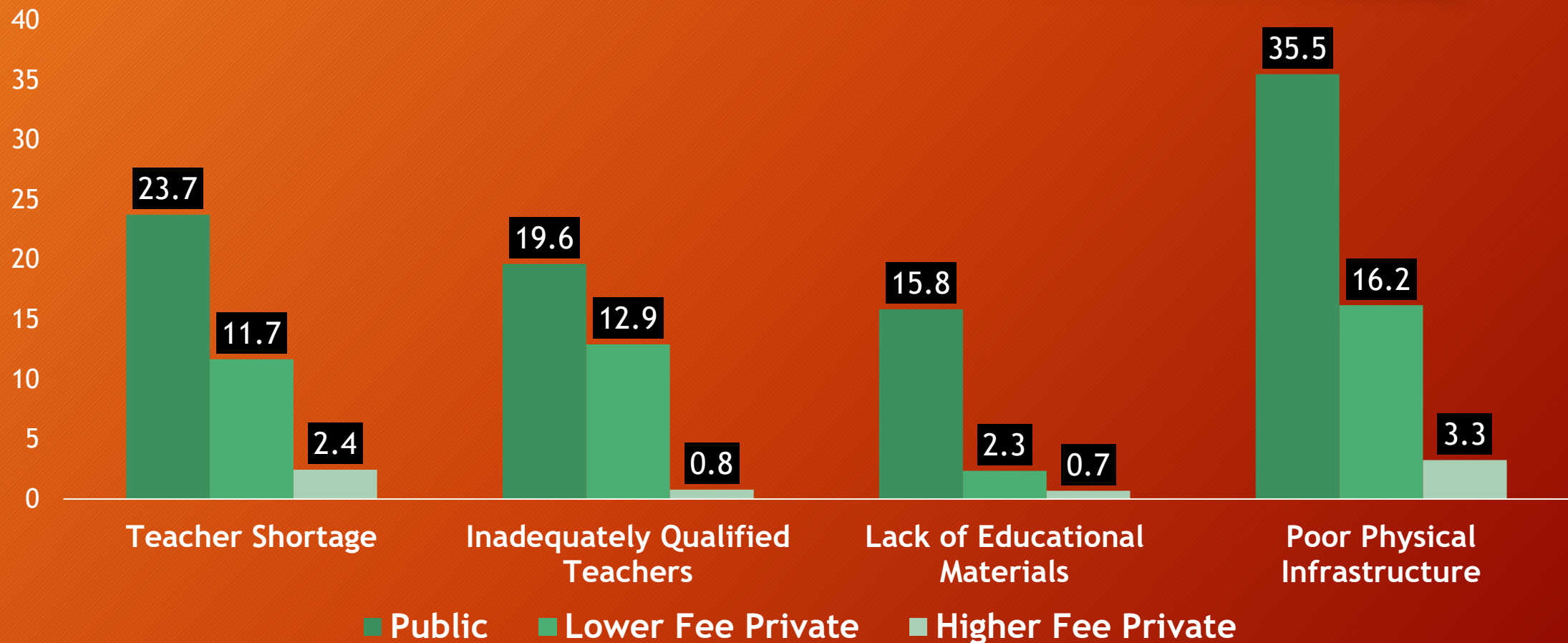


School Income by Source, Australia, 2019

(\$ per student)



Percentage of Secondary Students Hindered by Inadequate Resources, 2018



How Did We Get to This With a Needs-Based Model?

Labor's funding model was not fully needs-based. Gave more funding to private schools than warranted on a needs-basis.

Progressive demolition of key features of the model by the Abbott & Turnbull Governments.

Key Flaws in Labor's Model

Gonski social equity goals abandoned

No school will lose a dollar → Every school will get an increase

Design of SRS restricted funding available for disadvantaged schools

Flawed measure of financial need of private schools → over-funding

Gillard's time bombs:

- Secret deal with Catholic Church to delay introduction of new model
- Postponed \$7.5 billion of the planned \$10.3 billion C/W funding increase
- Secret deal with Catholic Church to guarantee Catholic schools would maintain their existing share of total school funding – extended to Independent schools

Abbott & Turnbull Sabotage

Abbott abandoned \$7.5M funding increase planned for last 2 years of phase-in

Pyne abandoned requirement for states to increase their funding → Further loss of \$5.6 billion

Excluded Vic, Qld, WA, Tas & NT from needs-based model

Pyne's secret review to remove/reduce low SES funding loading failed

Turnbull restricted C/W funding role - destroyed idea of an integrated national funding model

Turnbull threatened some privileges of private schools → ruthless campaign by Catholic Church **SUPPORTED BY LABOR**

Resource Gap Between Public & Private Schools to Widen Post-2019

Morrison's Peace Deal with Catholic Church - Additional \$4.6 billion over 10 years

- New measure of financial need - \$3.4 billion
- Choice & Accountability Fund - \$1.2 billion

Other special deals for private schools - \$1.1 billion 2019-2023

- How many more before 2029?

None for public schools

Public schools defrauded by Commonwealth/State Funding Agreements



New Measure of Financial Need is Fundamentally Flawed

Direct Measure of Income of families under-estimates capacity to contribute.
Excludes:

- Income from Bank of Mum & Dad - 5th largest bank
- Non-taxed income from capital gains
- Non-disclosed income - eg in overseas bank accounts & tax havens
- Family wealth

Ignores donations to & wealth of private schools & rorts like JobKeeper

Results in over-estimation of financial need & massive over-funding of private schools

Commonwealth-State Funding Agreements Defraud Public Schools

States are allowed to fund public schools to 75% of their SRS instead of 80%

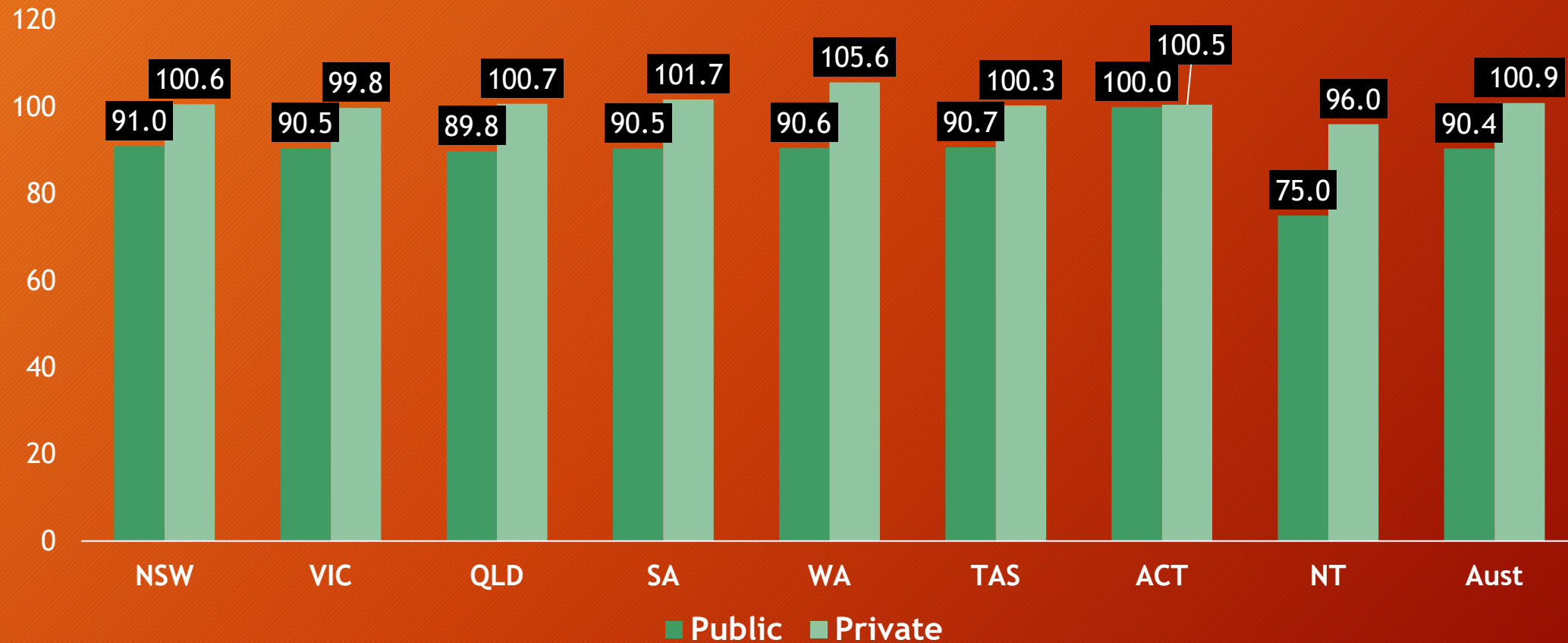
States can claim up to 4% of their share for expenditures excluded from the definition of the SRS – depreciation, school transport & others

Most states can also claim regulatory expenditures as part of their 75% share that are also excluded from the definition of the SRS

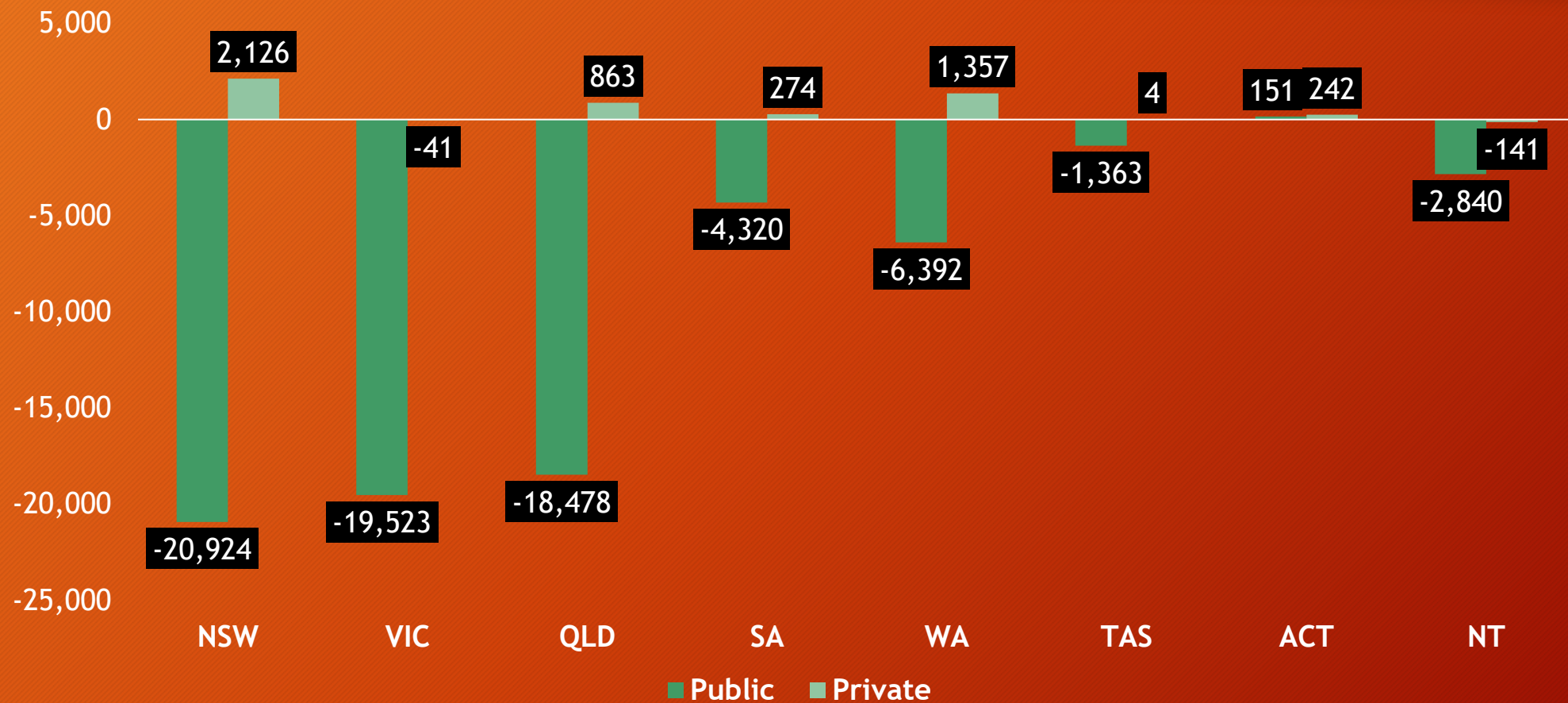
- Curriculum, assessment & certification authorities

Maximum state shares in 2029 will actually be 71% or less

Government Funding Shares of SRS for Public & Private Schools, 2029 (%)



Total Government Under/Over-Funding of Public & Private Schools, 2019-2029 (\$M)



2055

HELLO. LOOKS LIKE THIS IS THE SITE OF SOMETHING CALLED A "STATE FUNDED HIGH SCHOOL."

SOME TYPE OF EXTINCT RELIGION I SUPPOSE.

KEEP OUT
NO FLUID



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Continue the War for Fully Funded Public Schools

Basic principles of Gonski funding model are sound

Adopt Gonski social equity goals

- All students should receive an adequate education
- Low SES, Indigenous & remote area students to have similar outcomes to high SES students

Develop a Gonski Plus model

- Govt funding for private schools should only fill gap between private income and SRS
- No Govt funding for private schools whose private income exceeds SRS
- Set base SRS as cost of public schools with minimum disadvantage
- Increase disadvantage loadings

Revise CW/State funding agreements to fully fund public schools

Labor should step up for public schools

National education summit to Get Gonski Back on Track