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Dear Minister Ayres

Re: Proposed Privatisation of NSW Sport and Recreation Centres

The NSW Teachers Federation notes the following statement attributed to you in the Legislative Council General Purpose Standing Committee No. 4 meeting on 31 August 2016, in response to a question on the privatisation of NSW Sport and Recreation Centres:

"We have undertaken market soundings with a number of non-government entities including not-for-profits around partnering with the Government in delivering sport and recreation services across our sport and recreation camps."

Public school teachers and parents across the state greatly value the opportunity for public school students to participate in high quality recreational and sporting programs delivered by government owned and operated Sport and Recreation Centres.

It is regrettable, therefore, to inform you that the Federation will campaign vigorously against any moves by the NSW Government to privatise this important provision of quality public services.

All appropriate campaign action will be considered by the union, including informing all principals, executives and teachers in NSW public schools about the negative health, safety and educational impacts of handing public assets and services over to private companies. The disastrous consequences of reckless government policies to privatise TAFE vocational education and training will be highlighted, whereby private company profit takes priority over educational quality.

The Federation's concerns will also be communicated to the parents and carers of more than three quarters of a million students in NSW public schools.

The Federation requests confirmation that the NSW Government will desist from moves to privatise Sport and Recreation Centres and retain these important facilities in government ownership.

Yours sincerely

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