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LETTER OF DEMAND

Dear Deputy Secretary Riordan,

We refer to our letters of 11 April and 15 May, 2019. We again thank you for your letter of 8 May, wherein you state:

Before any strategies of the type you have proposed are implemented in NSW Government schools it is necessary to be satisfied that the strategy is effective and evidence based. In matters such as these the department is reliant on expert advice from agencies such as ARPANSA and also NSW Health.

I have asked the department's Health and Safety Directorate to seek advice and support from those agencies in relation to the issues you have raised and write to you again once we have the benefit of their response.

Over five months have now passed and ECSFR have not been provided with a response. On the matter of harm to our children and teachers, time is of the essence.

We note that the Department, its officers and the Minister continues to support the long-term exposure of staff and students to harm, and continues to increase the exposure by maintaining a policy of replacing hard-wired computers with wi-fi in schools. Department policy continues despite being well aware of medical advice of the foreseeable risk of harm to children and staff.

ECSFR have now obtained documents in relation to Dept Ed, NSW Health and ARPANSA (through RFI) as well as correspondence from parents and staff across the State. We are very aware of the actions and advice the Department did (or did not) seek in relation to the health and safety of staff and Children. Moreover, the advice the Department have provided the community and the basis of that advice is abundantly clear.

ECSFR have engaged legal professionals to prepare and settle an advice on the matters raised in our original letters, and additional material that has come to light, as we believe that the health and safety of our children and teachers is a serious matter, requiring the utmost urgency.

To re-cap, we are seeking, at least:

- a. Educating principles, parents, children and staff on the probable harm from microwave radiation, and how to minimise exposure at home and in the workplace.
- b. Ensure the school's liability and workers compensation insurance covers progressive diseases and immediate harm as may be caused by exposure to microwave radiation.
- c. Removing all wi-fi in schools and ensuring the hard-wiring of all computers and any other internet enabled devices within the school.
- d. Banning wi-fi, 3G-5G enabled devices, Bluetooth and all other sources of microwave radiation from within the school premises.
- e. Maintaining the Department policy to not have a microwave tower in close proximity to a school, but at a safe distance as defined by medical and other independent experts.

To this end, we request the Department respond to the concerns raised by ECSFR (in April and May correspondence) in a meaningful manner, as a matter of the utmost urgency and by 1 November, 2019, in any event.

Yours sincerely and on behalf of community,



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