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## **Catholic School Parents Australia welcomes Jacinta Collins' appointment to NCEC**

Catholic School Parents Australia (CSPA) welcomes the appointment of former Victorian Senator Jacinta Collins as the Executive Director of the National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC).

CSPA Chair Karl Rodrigues said the CSPA Council looks forward to working with Ms Collins as CSPA continues their representation and advocacy for the parents of the 770,000 children and young people in Australia's 1750 Catholic schools.

"Jacinta's background in the senate, including several years as assistant minister for education and workplace relations, which she speaks of as a "real highlight" of her parliamentary career, will bring a fresh insight to Catholic education", Mr Rodrigues said, "her extensive political background also means she will bring a keen understanding of government processes to the role, and this is always helpful".

In noting then Senator Collins' key role in the Gonski school education reforms, CSPA will be keen to share with her their recent extensive work around engaging families in their children's education.

Mr Rodrigues also thanked NCEC's acting Executive Director Mr Ray Collins, who put retirement on hold to lead the national body over the past twelve months. "It was most satisfying to be able to thank Ray in person when he attended our final 2018 council meeting in Brisbane last October", Mr Rodrigues concluded.