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Prime Minister, You're Dreaming!

Driscoll – “The Three R’s Suffer for Trendy Social Engineering in New National Education Curriculum”

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The Retailers Association, a peak national industry body representing the retail sector, the largest employment sector in the country, says it does not support the Rudd Government’s new national education curriculum and says it will undermine the education of all Australian children, by not having enough focus on the Three R’s and also preparing them for the workforce.

Reports out about the proposed national curriculum have indicated that students will now be instructed to learn about Aboriginal Dreamtime stories, Chinese medicine and natural therapies, but not even be shown the *periodic table of elements* until Grade 10 when it comes to science education.

Scott Driscoll, National Executive Director of The Retailers Association has said that the new national curriculum is “*one of the most absurd and politically correct pieces of public policy in living memory*” and exists at the expense of real and sustainable outcomes for better education. Mr Driscoll has called on all Australian parents to join with him in seeking immediate amendments for the sake of students and their future employment prospects.

“This sort of politically correct and jargonistic approach has no justifiable objective besides delivering a warm and fuzzy inner glow for those within the Government,” said Mr Driscoll.

“Australian children need the knowledge and skill-sets to actually get a job, not to be preached to about social engineering issues that are the focus of the government of the day. As a representative of a sector that values industry relevant education I can simply say to the Prime Minister that ‘*he’s dreaming*’ if he thinks this is the road to go down with education in Australia,” said Mr Driscoll.

“I’ve also seen reports that Kevin Rudd’s Aboriginal Sorry Day is set to be written into kids history books via these proposed changes, designed to rival or be on par with Anzac Day,” said Mr Driscoll.

“From a proposed big new ETS tax through to inflexibility on IR legislation and now a loopy education approach to preparing kids as future active employable members of the community, the Rudd Government would appear to be slipping further and further out of touch with the grass roots realities that we face out in Main Street Australia each day,” said Mr Driscoll.

For further comment call Scott Driscoll on 0413 831 045. Editor’s Note: Mr Driscoll will be available for comment in Sydney CBD today (Monday 01/03/10)