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INDEPENDENT MEMBER FOR TAMWORTH

## MEDIA RELEASE

### Teachers protest paltry pay rise offer

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Teachers across the electorate of Tamworth will hold a stopwork meeting next Tuesday (29<sup>th</sup> July 2003) to protest the paltry pay increase offered by the NSW Government.

Independent Member for Tamworth Peter Draper has already criticised the pay offer in the NSW Parliament and has asked the Government to reconsider its offer.

“Teachers have had enough. They’re angry and frustrated at the drawn-out process of negotiating a better pay deal,” Mr Draper said.

“I have been lobbying the NSW Government for some time to re-examine the pay increase offered to teachers. They carry out an extremely valuable role in our society but their work isn’t adequately recognised.”

“These stopwork meetings will send a strong message to the Minister for Education. He must realise that teachers won’t wait around for a decent pay rise and we face the real risk of a teacher shortage in the future.”

The Gunnedah and District Teachers Association will hold a stopwork meeting at the Gunnedah Services Club on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2003 at 9am.

The Tamworth Branch of the Teachers Federation will hold a stopwork meeting at West Tamworth League Club on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2003 at 9am.

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