

Media release: Independent inquiry into the value of teachers' work

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The NSW Teachers Federation has established an independent commission of inquiry into the value of teachers' work.

The inquiry will be chaired by former WA Premier, Professor Emeritus, the Hon Dr Geoff Gallop AC. Joining him will be former Justice of the NSW Industrial Court and Deputy President of the NSW Industrial Relations Commission, the Hon Dr Tricia Kavanagh and the former head of the NSW Institute of Teachers, Patrick Lee.

NSW Teachers Federation President Angelo Gavrielatos said: "It's been more than 15 years since the last investigation into the nature and value of teachers' work.

"Since that time there have been significant changes in schools including changes to curriculum, technology, student needs, school complexity and parental and community expectations."

"Teachers and principals are working in a context of ever-changing government priorities and prescriptions, social expectations and conflicting demands on school operations and teachers' and principals' time.

"This inquiry is well overdue," Mr Gavrielatos said.

The independent commission will present its findings and recommendations in February 2021.

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