

Acting Auditor General Ms Rona Mellor PSM Australian National Audit Office GPO Box 707 Canberra ACT 2601 AUSTRALIA

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Dear Auditor General,

Re Brethren's OneSchool Global schools

I write to urge an audit and investigation about the use of public funds allocated towards the OneSchool Global schools and in particular claims that these funds have been allocated inappropriately to private contractors. These matters have been publicly reported including in articles published by the Guardian here.

A follow the money investigation, for which you have the statutory powers, would allow a comprehensive examination of these claims and provide public certainty about these funding allocations.

If a donation or a public grant is given to a school building fund and then spent on a construction contract to a related entity without a value for money tender process that would be a serious matter and worthy of review by your office.

The Office of the Auditor General uniquely has the power to investigate this matter and through that provide much needed transparency and accountability for the expenditure of public funds.

I am of course available to discuss this matter further.

Kind regards, David Shoebridge Greens Senator and Justice Spokesperson