

## A conclusion in search of a premise

Fairfax Media have today put a series of questions to Catholic education about a list of schools.

However, the journalist has let the cat out of the bag  $E \setminus VD \setminus LQJDWWKHHQG\mu7KHF$  is that money is being given to the wealthier schools in order to keep fees low at schools in  $ZHDOWKLHUDUHDV\P$ 

Not only does that look like a conclusion in search of a premise, but the journalist further gives away the preconceptions behind the questions E\VD\LQJ  $\mu$  < RX PLJKW UHFDOO P\.QRWW ZURWH DERXW WKLV ODVW\HDU XVLQJ GDWD¶ OL online on 22 May 2017, at the peak of the Gonski 2.0 debate, entitled  $\mu$ low Catholic education sector diverts funding from low-income schools to wealthy schools ¶

If it looks like a duck, swims like a duck, and quacks like a duck, then it probably is a duck.

And if it looks like a drop  $\pm$  another drop  $\pm$  IURP WKH 0LQLVWHU¶V RIIL-prickled VLQ data, then it probably is a drop.

Not a very good drop, mind you. One of the schools being asked about closed at the end of last \ H D U W K D Q N V L Q S D U W W R 6 H Q Dowers Outhers Lake Phice teleborate white white the bound of last due to those self-same policies.

Fairfax Media Limited has already won itself a reputation among some for sectarian bigotry.

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