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Attention: Mr Kevin Rudd, Federal Member for Griffith & Prime Minister (Elect)

Subject: Mr Rudd's Election Statement regarding funding for workshops in secondary schools across Australia.

Dear Mr Rudd,

Our Association congratulates you on your elevation to Prime Minister (Elect) at the November 24 Federal election.

The Industrial Technology and Design Teachers' Association of Queensland (INTAD) welcomes your assertive stance in regard to the education sector in Australia and wish to commend you for your intentions. Of particular interest to Industrial Arts and Design & Technology teachers across the nation is your pledge to spend a considerable sum on "Woodwork, Metalwork and Design and Technology workshops in secondary schools".

INTAD is well aware of the **current skills shortage** in Australia and the necessity for our country to maintain a technical skills base that will ensure our capabilities in the future. We therefore applaud your funding commitment. INTAD also realises the importance of informed decision making and wish to volunteer the services of suitably qualified and experienced Industrial Arts/Design & Technology teachers from Qld to be a part of the development, implementation and management of your Labor government's plans for the

future. We believe in the achievement of world's best practice in Industrial Arts and Technology education right here in Australia. In this process, students need to increase their skill depth as well as an understanding of the technology behind the skills. INTAD is also very aware of the current critical shortage of teachers with expertise in both Design and Technology Teaching and Vocational Education and the need for this shortage to be addressed if the proposed infrastructure is to be utilised to full advantage.

INTAD is a very proactive association which comprises Industrial Arts/Design & Technology teachers from all regions of Queensland. We naturally have significant professional interest and experience in Industrial Arts /Design and Technology education and see your stated policy direction as an opportunity for us to provide important input into the future development of Industrial Arts/Design & Technology education. We believe that we have available members with significant expertise and capacity to ensure that we strive together to achieve the best possible solutions for the future of education in Australia.

Thank you for your consideration of this issue and INTAD looks forward to your response.

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