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Mr John Dawkins
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Dear Mr. Dawkins,

I refer to your letter regarding certain issues raised by members of the Italian community in relation to the discussion paper on an Australian Literacy and Language Policy for the 1990's on the teaching of Italian in schools.

It was heartening to hear that there will be no diminution of funding for Italian programs in the event that funding would be transferred to the State Education systems. It is reassuring to learn that the existing Italian classes would continue.

However, the community is anxious that, should this transferral of funds from the Commonwealth to the States occur, there should be consultation with peak community groups and proper representations on any administrative or management committees.

In the light of the level of apprehension within the Italian community in relation to the possible reduction in funding, it would be helpful if an assurance could be given that the peak organisations will be properly represented on any management committee.

On behalf of the Italian community, I thank you for your response and your reassurances in relation to the teaching of Italian.

Yours sincerely,

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