

ISOLATED CHILDREN'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA



2018 Federal Conference Curriculum Portfolio Motions

A30. Tambo Branch (QLD)

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"That ICPA (Aust) lobbies the relevant bodies to ensure that Primary Production is included as a compulsory component in the national curriculum.

Explanation:

Currently, there are many children who do not know where their food or fibre comes from. As time goes on an understanding of primary production, generally speaking, reduces as more of our population resides away from areas that produce food and fibre. For example, we are witnessing great conflict between our farmers and non-farmers in regard to vegetation management of our land. If all school students can be given a broad understanding of primary production in the classroom it may help to alleviate some of these issues. This understanding could be delivered via a national curriculum unit that follows the spiral delivery model being built on through year levels to continue understanding growth, interest and enthusiasm for primary production. It is envisaged that the units would be developed in conjunction with industry experts (e.g. Dept. Agriculture and Fisheries) as opposed to curriculum writers alone.