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**JASON CLARE: CAN HE WALK THE WALK AS WELL AS TALK
THE TALK**

Jason Clare's first act as education minister was to visit his inspirational teacher at his old school in western Sydney.

He describes himself as a "proud product" of the public education system, saying: "*You won't hear me say a bad word about teachers.*"

"My own story shows the importance of education. I'm the first person in my family to finish high school. In western Sydney in the 1960s, not a lot of kids from working-class backgrounds went on to finish high school or go to uni. Certainly, my mum and dad never dreamed that that'd be possible for them," he said.

All well and good. Jason Clare is echoing the election material distributed by the public Teachers Unions . ANd it is certainly a relief from the 'freedom of choice' and 'private schools are in our DNA' rhetoric of the Coalition.

The Labor Party have woken up to the anger and power of the public school vote ignored by Morrison and Co.

BUT

Can Jason Clare walk the walk?

DOGS ask:

Has Jason Clare got the intestinal fortitude to confront the private school interest and demand repayment of jobkeeper and resource funding overpayments?

Has Jason Clare got the intestinal fortitude to demand proper accountability for public money spent by private school corporations and religious administrations?

Has Jason Clare got the intestinal fortitude to demand information on endowments and assets held by individual private schools and religious administrations ?

Above all, has Jason Clare got the push and pull in Cabinet to demand the 15 plus billions needed to renew our public education systems and make them internationally competitive?

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