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Textbook costs up tomorrow (July 1)

Independent Member for New England, Tony Windsor is lamenting tomorrow (July 1) as it marks the abandonment by the Coalition Government and Labor Party of students by taxing textbooks.

“Up until now, students have been beneficiaries of a GST exemption which helped keep the cost of education down.

As of 1st July, the full GST of 10% will apply to ALL textbooks from Kindergarten to University.

It is a sad day as we now have a tax being placed on the tools of learning when both the Liberal/National Government and the Labor Opposition have been basing much of their election claims on what they are, or what they are wanting to do, to educate our young people.

Students and their families should be aware that this is why the cost of their textbooks has increased – a money grab by the Government when it was in their power to continue the exemption.

It is very disappointing,” Mr Windsor said.