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AMDF Response to Senator Hanson's Comments

The Australian Mitochondrial Disease Foundation (AMDF) was disappointed to learn of Senator Pauline Hanson's comments regarding the education of children with disabilities.

Senator Hanson suggested that children with a disability should not attend mainstream classes, but should instead be segregated into "special classrooms" in order to give students without a disability an uninterrupted focus.

The AMDF disagrees with Senator Hanson's comments. We as an organisation seek to empower individuals with mitochondrial disease, and help schools, workplaces, and the broader community understand the disease so that those affected are welcomed, integrated, and understood.

The AMDF believes that children with disabilities should receive the same level of education and the social opportunities as all Australian children.