

# Chilean teachers send message of support to victimised Australian teacher

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*The following two resolutions from Chile were sent to the World Socialist Web Site in support of the stand taken by sacked Australian school teacher Geraldine Rawson. The resolutions were sent on behalf of the Liceo de Aplicacion, a public high school in Santiago Chile and by the union president of the Regional Metropolitan College of Teachers of Chile, the representative of several thousand teachers in the metropolitan region of Santiago.*

Dear Ms. Rawson,

On behalf of the staff at the Liceo de Aplicacion, (Aplicacion High School), Santiago Chile, we would like to congratulate you on your legal victory over your government's attempts to suppress teachers' democratic rights.

We support you in your courageous stand for freedom of speech and democratic rights not only for yourself but for teachers everywhere. We know from our experiences with our own government that teachers' rights are not respected.

In solidarity with your fight together with the assistance of the Committee to Defend Public Education, and the Socialist Equality Party, we wish you all the best in your continuing struggle. The staff at the Liceo de Aplicacion will continue to follow with interest your case and that of teachers in Australia.

Warmest greetings,

Leonardo Nangarin

Liceo de Aplicacion Union President

On behalf of the staff at Liceo de Aplicacion, Santiago Chile.

Dear Ms. Rawson,

On behalf of all teachers in the metropolitan region of Santiago Chile, I would like to congratulate you in your struggle for teachers' rights and freedom of speech. Your stand contains many important issues for teachers here as well.

We will continue to support your courageous stand against the government's attempts to undermine teachers' rights. We will also continue to follow your case with great interest and hope to establish mutual links with you and teachers in Australia.

Yours fraternally,

Jaime A. Gajurdo O.

Union President

Regional Metropolitan College of Teachers of Chile  
(Union representative for the metropolitan region of Santiago).



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