



## Research training in Australia Public hearing in Batchelor

The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Innovation will be travelling to Batchelor in the Northern Territory, to visit the Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education, on Monday, 11 August. A public hearing will be held as part of the committee's research training inquiry.

"The Batchelor Institute serves the interests of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in education and training. This is a wonderful opportunity for the committee to visit this significant education facility and gain an indigenous perspective on research in Australia" said Committee Chair Maria Vamvakinou.

Batchelor Institute is a relatively new player in the research training arena. Batchelor Institute's main historical emphasis has been to serve the tertiary education interests of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples through the provision of higher education and vocational education and training programs.

The Institute has recently established a Division of Research and now has accredited postgraduate research programs, including an accredited PhD program commencing in 2008.

"There is a renewed interest in researching Indigenous knowledge, and using it innovatively in commercial areas such as environmental management, pharmacy, health and the arts. The committee is very interested in examining changes in research policy that will enable more Indigenous researchers to be trained" Maria Vamvakinou noted.

Representatives of the Batchelor Institute will appear in person at the hearing, while several other representatives will appear via a video link from the Institute's Alice Springs campus.

**PUBLIC HEARING PROGRAM**  
**Monday 11 August 2008**  
**10.00am to 10.45am**  
**Batchelor Institute, Batchelor, Northern Territory**

Further details, including the terms of reference, membership of the Committee and schedule of public hearings can be obtained from the Committee's website at:

[www.aph.gov.au/isi](http://www.aph.gov.au/isi)

**For media comment:** contact the Committee Chair Ms Maria Vamvakinou on 0417 541 465.

**For further information:** contact the Committee Secretary on 02 6277 4594 or [isi.reps@aph.gov.au](mailto:isi.reps@aph.gov.au)