



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Standing Committee on Education & Vocational Training
Inquiry into Teacher Education

MEDIA ALERT

Issued: 3 April 2006

Chair: Luke Hartsuyker MP
Deputy: Rod Sawford MP

Teacher education inquiry to visit University of Wollongong

The House of Representatives Education and Vocational Training Committee will visit the University of Wollongong on the south coast of NSW tomorrow as part of the Committee's major inquiry into teacher education.

"An emerging focus of this inquiry is the way in which universities, schools and governments work together to address teacher education issues," said Committee Chair Luke Hartsuyker.

"We are quite keen to hear about the University of Wollongong's partnerships, particularly in regards to the practicum component of teacher education."

In order to explore these issues, representatives from some of the University of Wollongong's partner schools will appear before the Committee to give evidence, in addition to the university's own representatives.

The University of Wollongong's submission is one of over 160 submissions the Committee has received from across Australia. The Committee held public hearings in the ACT, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, the Northern Territory, Western Australia and Tasmania during 2005. The Committee has also held a number of hearings in the ACT and New South Wales in early 2006.

HEARING PROGRAM

Tuesday 4 April 2006

Vice Chancellor's Dining Room, McKinnon Building, University of Wollongong, Wollongong

9.00am – 9.05am:	University of Wollongong (Sub. 136) Welcome on behalf of the Vice Chancellor
9.05am – 9.40am:	Opening meeting
9.40am – 10.15am:	Teaching
10.30am – 11.00am:	Student Forum
11.00am – 11.30am:	Professional Experience
11.30am – 12.00pm:	Partnerships
12.00pm – 12.15pm:	Programs of Other Faculties

FOR INTERVIEW: Please contact Committee Chair, Mr Luke Hartsuyker MP through Greg Pierce on 0408 532 785.

For background information, please contact the committee secretariat on (02) 6277 4573 or on mobile phone 0421 611 173 or visit inquiry website at:

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/evt/teachereduc/index.htm>.

Submissions are on the inquiry website.