



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**Standing Committee on Education & Vocational Training**  
***Inquiry into Teacher Education***

**MEDIA ALERT**

*Issued: 6 June 2005*

*Chair: Luke Hartsuyker MP*  
*Deputy: Rod Sawford MP*

**Public hearings in Melbourne for inquiry into teacher education**

Five Victorian universities involved in teacher education will have the opportunity to put forward their views about how well teachers are being prepared for the classroom when they appear before a parliamentary committee in Melbourne on Tuesday.

The House Education Committee is conducting a major inquiry into teacher education.

“We are interested in exploring with the universities how they select students, the nature and extent of the practicum they provide and how they prepare teachers to deal with the immense complexities and challenges that are part of the role of teaching today,” said Committee Chair Mr Luke Hartsuyker MP.

“Last week we heard the results of a survey conducted by the Australian Secondary Principals Association on what beginning teachers think about their preparation for teaching. We will be very interested to hear the universities’ perspectives on some of these results.”

The Committee will also hear from a number of other organisations and from current teacher education students.

**Melbourne, Tuesday, 7 June 2005, K Room, Level 2, Parliament House**

8.30am – 9.00am Association of Independent Schools of Victoria (Sub # 49)  
9.00am – 9.45am Australian Council of Education Research (Exhibit #19)  
9.45am – 10.30am Australian Education Union (Sub #51)  
10.45am – 11.30am VISTA (Association of VET Professionals)( Sub #102)  
11.30am – 12.15pm La Trobe University (Sub #65)  
12.15pm – 1.00pm Monash University( Sub #105)  
2.00pm – 2.45pm University of Melbourne (Sub # 62)  
2.45pm – 3.30pm Victoria University of Technology (Sub #21)  
3.45pm – 4.45pm Student forum

**Wednesday, 8 June 2005, Geelong, Room AF76 Building 10, Deakin University, Waurin Ponds Campus, Geelong**

10.30am – 11.15am Professor Skilbeck and Dr Helen Connell (Sub # 24)  
11.15am – 12.15pm Deakin University (Sub #60)  
12.15pm – 1.00pm Student forum

**FOR INTERVIEW**

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

**For background information** including the full terms of reference, please contact the committee secretariat on (02) 6277 4573 or visit inquiry website at [www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/evt/teachereduc/](http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/evt/teachereduc/).

Submissions are on the inquiry website.