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## **Conduct of the inquiry**

### **Advertising the inquiry**

The inquiry was advertised in a number of national newspapers during the period 7 to 14 June 2000. The Committee wrote to the relevant Commonwealth Ministers and to State and Territory Governments. In addition, the Committee wrote to over 150 parent associations, independent and Catholic education organisations, education research bodies, and relevant industry associations inviting them to make a submission.

On the readoption of the reference in 2002, all parties that had made a submission were invited to add to or update their submissions.

### **Evidence to the inquiry**

The Committee received 231 submissions from 202 parties. These submissions are listed in Appendix B.

The Committee received 178 exhibits to the inquiry, which were provided as attachments to written submissions, offered during public hearings or sent to the Committee by other parties. These are listed in Appendix C.

### **Public hearings**

The Committee held public hearings across Australia in Canberra, ACT; Melbourne and Ringwood, Vic; Sydney, Roseville, Griffith and Kogarah, NSW; Brisbane, Eagleby, Tallebudgera, Morningside and Woodridge, Qld; Adelaide, Elizabeth North and Evanston South, SA; Perth and City Beach, WA; Hobart, Tas; and Darwin and Palmerston, NT.

The Committee called 235 witnesses. Details of the hearings and witnesses who appeared are in Appendix D.

## School visits

School forums and/or inspections were held at the following schools:

- Bridgewater Primary School, TAS
- Broadmeadows Primary School, SA
- Cannon Hill Anglican College, QLD
- City Beach High School, WA \*
- Eagleby State School, QLD
- Griffith Public School, NSW
- Herdsmans Cove Primary School, SA
- James Cook Boys Technology High School, NSW \*
- Palmerston High School, NT \*
- Roseville Public School, NSW
- Southwood Boys' Grammar School, Tintern Schools, VIC \*
- Tallebudgera Beach School, QLD
- Trinity College, SA \*
- Wade High School, NSW \*
- Woodridge State High School, QLD
- Yenda Public School, NSW

\* Students from these schools participated in school forums which form part of the public record of the inquiry.

In total 124 students participated in the school forums. Details of the school forums and participating students and teachers are in Appendix D.

## Transcript of hearings

At the public hearings and school forums combined, 1338 pages of evidence were recorded by *Hansard*. The transcript of evidence taken at public hearings and school forums, and copies of all written submissions, are available for inspection from the Committee Office of the House of Representatives, the National Library of Australia or on the inquiry website at:

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/edt/eofb/index.htm>