



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

**MEDIA ALERT**

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

## **Committee to hear evidence from the Australian Council of Deans of Education**

Representatives from the Australian Council of Deans of Education Inc (ACDE) will appear before the House Education Committee in Canberra tomorrow to provide evidence for the Committee's major inquiry into teacher education.

The Committee is examining the scope, suitability, organisation, resourcing and delivery of teacher training courses in Australia's public and private universities.

The ACDE is the peak organisation representing the deans of faculties of higher education and heads of schools of education in Australian universities and other higher education institutions. It represents those responsible for initial and post-initial teacher education, and much of the education and research scholarship throughout Australia.

In its submission to the inquiry, the ACDE contends that the adequacy of funding is the most important issue to be understood if the inquiry into teacher education is to be effective.

The ACDE also asserts that greater recognition of the value and complexity of teaching is needed.

The hearing will begin at 9.30am in Committee Room 1R3 at Parliament House on Thursday 13 October 2005 and will be broadcast (audio only) internally on the House Monitoring System on radio frequency 96.7.

The Committee has already received well over 150 submissions from across Australia and has so far held public hearings in Victoria, Queensland, South Australia and the Northern Territory. The Committee will travel to all other states and territories over the next few months and in early 2006.

### **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/).

ACDE's submission is on the inquiry website (Submission Number 31).