



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

Public hearings in Northern Territory for inquiry into teacher education

The House Education Committee will visit the Northern Territory as part of its inquiry into teacher education on Tuesday 30 and Wednesday 31 August 2005.

“The submissions that we have received from the Northern Territory suggest that it faces some complex and specific problems in relation to teacher education,” said Committee Chair, Mr Luke Hartsuyker MP.

“We were concerned to learn from the Northern Territory Government’s submission, for instance, that although Indigenous youth make up 36% of the NT youth population under the age of 15 years, both Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education and Charles Darwin University currently produce only up to 10 Indigenous teaching graduates a year,” said Committee Chair, Mr Luke Hartsuyker MP.

The House Education Committee will take evidence from staff and students from CDU and will also visit the Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education. Batchelor Institute specialises in providing tertiary education for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people from across Australia, working with students to develop an Indigenous approach to mainstream disciplines and careers.

“It will be interesting to hear about the different approaches used by teacher education institutions in a part of Australia where many students come from very remote locations as well as rural and urban areas. Also, the advantage of strong partnerships between teacher education institutions, education authorities and schools in providing teacher education is emerging as a very important issue, and will continue to be a point of focus for the Committee” said Committee Chair, Mr Luke Hartsuyker MP.

PROGRAM:

Tuesday, 30 August 2005, Batchelor

10.00am – 1.00pm: **Public Hearing at Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education (Sub. 88)**

Wednesday, 31 August 2005, Darwin

Parliament House, Mitchell Street

9.00am – 9.45am: **Northern Territory Government (Sub. 124)**

9.45am – 10.30am: **Teacher Registration Board of the Northern Territory**

10.45am – 11.30am: **To be advised**

11.30am – 12.15pm: **Australian College of Educators (Sub. 149)**

1.30pm – 2.15pm: **Charles Darwin University**

2.15pm – 3.00pm: **Individuals (Subs. 14, 96, 112)**

3.00pm – 4.00pm: **Student Forum**

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 the visit inquiry website at www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/evt/teachereduc/. Submissions are on the inquiry website.