Territory Parliament today passed amendments to the Education Act giving teachers greater representation on both the NT Board of Studies and the Education Advisory Council (EAC).

Employment, Education and Training Minister Syd Stirling said the changes revised membership on the Board of Studies and the EAC, including reinstating Australian Education Union representation on both bodies.

"Other changes to the Board of Studies include decreasing the number of representatives from the current 21 to 16 to make it more streamlined, but increasing indigenous and non-indigenous parent, industry and community representation," Mr Stirling said.

"The AEU is an important stakeholder in Territory education and the Government believes it should be properly represented on these key bodies.

"The previous Government removed the AEU from both bodies in the mid-nineties following a dispute during Enterprise Bargaining Agreement negotiations.

"IN light of this, we welcome the Opposition’s support of these amendments today.

"Reinstating the AEU on both of these education bodies will also ensure the Government is fulfilling its commitment under the current EBA."

Mr Stirling said the amendments would also ensure the Board of Studies was better able to provide independent, high-quality expert and stakeholder input to Government on crucial curriculum issues.

"We want to ensure that advice to the Board is fully informed by the views of all key stakeholders, particularly teachers and parents," he said.