A Reference Group which will help guide the future directions for Secondary Education in the Territory is meeting for the first time at the Northern Territory University today.

The group includes representatives of key stakeholder groups including parents, students, school teachers, principals, and tertiary education providers, as well as representatives of business, community, the Australian Education Union and the Department of Employment, Education and Training.

Employment, Education and Training Minister Syd Stirling attended the group’s first meeting today.

"The Reference Group will work closely with the team of NTU consultants, headed by Dr Gregor Ramsey, who have been engaged to conduct this comprehensive review of secondary education in the Territory," Mr Stirling said.

"It’s important that we canvass the opinions and ideas of as many stakeholders as possible and the Reference Group will play a crucial role in this."

Their role will include:

- providing appropriate and relevant input to the consultancy team at key points in the project;
- acting as points of contact for the consultancy team in relation to specific questions or requests for further information or advice;
- assisting with liaison between the consultancy team and the stakeholder groups they represent; and
- acting as a sounding board for the consultancy team

"It was a pleasure to meet the Reference Group members today," Mr Stirling said.

"They all have a real commitment to improving secondary education and are very enthusiastic and passionate about their role in this important project."

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