Employment, Education and Training Minister Paul Henderson has called on people interested in joining the newly established Northern Territory Indigenous Education Council to submit expressions of interest.

"I encourage Indigenous people who want to see improvements in education outcomes to consider becoming council members and representing Indigenous needs and aspirations to government," Minister Henderson said.

"The council will provide expert advice to both the Northern Territory and Australian Government ministers responsible for education.

"The council requires Indigenous members that are familiar with the early childhood, primary, middle, secondary and tertiary sectors, as well as experience in the fields of vocational education and training and English as a Second Language.

"It is important that this council reflects the views of as many Indigenous Territorians as possible.

"We want to receive expressions of interest from Indigenous people from the Top End, Katherine, Tiwi Islands, Central Australia, Barkly and Arnhem regions."
"Membership is also be open to members from other major Indigenous organisations such as health, housing and other business sectors," Minister Henderson said.

An expression of interest process is being advertised in the media and through direct contact with major Indigenous organisations with nominations closing on 25 May 2007.

More information is available online at www.nt.gov.au/ntiec or from Mischa Cartwright on 8901 1387 or email mischa.cartwright@nt.gov.au

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