Better Training Opportunities for our Kids

The Territory Government today welcomed the signing of a landmark Memorandum of Understanding which will secure employment opportunities for Territory students in the resources sector.

Education and Training Minister Chris Burns and Resources Minister Kon Vatskalis congratulated the Northern Territory Department of Education and Training (DET) and the Minerals Council of Australia on the signing.

Minister Burns said the agreement would highlight the critical link between education and employment.

“By exposing students to the vast range of opportunities available to them in the resources sector, and by providing a direct pathway from school to work, we can build capacity for the future.

“An important part of the MOU is the recognition that regular school attendance is crucial to opportunity, and I am pleased this agreement will support Frequent Attender programs and provide mentoring and exposure to career options.”

“By working together with schools and the resources industry, we can ensure students receive the skills and learning they need to secure good jobs.

“There are some great examples of how education and employment agreements between mining companies and schools are achieving great outcomes for students, so I welcome this MOU. It means young Territorians can stay in the Territory and enjoy a prosperous future.”

Resources Minister Kon Vatskalis says the agreement will capitalise on the northern mining boom said the agreement is a further step in the development of a strong resources workforce.

“Charles Darwin University has recently commenced construction of a $6 million research and training facility to support the developing North Australia Oil and Gas sector and this facility, along with agreements like this MOU mean we will be right on target to meet demand.

“We need smart, qualified workers to take up the many jobs and opportunities that will be on offer and this agreement is now in place to make sure that happens.”

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