POWER TO THE REGIONS : DEET RESTRUCTURE BRINGS NEW FOCUS ON STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

The announcement that the Department of Employment, Education and Training will be re-aligned has been welcomed by the Minister, Syd Stirling.

Details of the restructure were today unveiled by Chief Executive of the Department, Margaret Banks.

Mr Stirling said the reform would provide a greater focus on supporting students and teachers, and would see the most significant regionalisation program ever undertaken by the Department.

“This substantial reform is about delivering the Government’s agenda to lift student outcomes,” said Mr Stirling.

“The restructure will mean a more efficient and focussed DEET able to deliver for students and teachers.

“Importantly, it will see significant devolution of powers to the regions. The decision-making process has been increasingly centralised in Darwin. This realignment places power back in the hands of Regional Directors.

“New positions of Regional Directors will be created in Katherine, Nhulunbuy and Tennant Creek.

“It is especially good news for Alice Springs, where the existing role of Executive Director will be elevated to a higher position within the DEET structure, giving them greater decision making powers.

“Under the current arrangements, managers in Alice Springs can’t make significant decisions without reporting to Darwin. Now the Executive Director will be able to make decisions across agency divisions.

“In addition, a senior Employment and Training position will be created in Alice Springs alongside the Senior Schools position already in place,” the Minister said.

“This is the most significant regionalisation program ever undertaken by DEET, and one of the most significant undertaken by the Martin government.”

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