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Paul Henderson

Minister for Employment, Education and Training

Minister announces establishment of new Indigenous Education Council

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The Minister for Employment, Education and Training Paul Henderson today announced the establishment of the Northern Territory Indigenous Education Council (NTIEC).

“This new peak advisory body will be able to provide expert advice and recommendations to both the Northern Territory and Commonwealth Governments,” Minister Henderson said.

“The 12 member Council will be a vital link between local schools, communities and governments to ensure Indigenous students get the best possible outcomes.

“I’d like to acknowledge the contribution of the Commonwealth government in providing funds for this initiative which is already operating in all other States and Territories through similar funding arrangements.

Improving Indigenous education outcomes is a national issue and I welcome the Commonwealth’s commitment.

“The Government is keen to receive more Indigenous input into developing solutions that will result in higher attendance, greater literacy and numeracy achievements and create pathways to work.”
This initiative compliments the NT Government's existing measures to improve attendance, numeracy and literacy through programs such as Accelerated Literacy, Community Engagement, and Enrolment and Attendance initiatives.

“We are looking for Indigenous people who can make a positive contribution regarding education services which will lead to better outcomes for Indigenous students in the Territory.

Expressions of interest for membership of the Northern Territory Indigenous Education Council will be advertised in a fortnight.

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