



Minister for Education and Training, Andrew Barr, today announced community consultation on the issue of teacher registration in the ACT.

Mr Barr said this project has the potential to provide an outcome that will meet community expectations on the quality of person undertaking the profession of teaching as well as raising the professional status of all teachers in the ACT.

"Across government and non-government sectors, the ACT must continue to support teacher training, and continue to recruit and retain high quality staff to teach students of today and the future," Mr Barr said.

"This consultation process will provide an opportunity to explore issues related to teacher registration.

"It is very important for the ACT community to carefully consider whether the ACT should adopt a formal registration mechanism, and if so, what this should look like.

"The Government believes that any registration system must hold in careful balance between firstly the flexibility to respond to a changing education environment and secondly the need to maintain consistently high professional standards."

The consultation process is for a period of six months and commences on 14 May 2007.

"As this process begins I would strongly encourage comment from across the community on this important ACT education issue," Mr Barr concluded.

For more information as well as a copy of the consultation paper, please visit http://www.det.act.gov.au/services/tr_project.htm