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Dear Australian Capital Territory citizen/resident,

Please find enclosed the draft *Recommendations paper on Teacher Registration for the ACT*.

You have the opportunity to make comment to the recommendations paper through a submission; submissions will be received until 10 December 2007.

### **Background of the Teacher Registration Project**

In 2004 the ACT Standing Committee on Education's report "Teaching in the ACT: *Shaping the future*" included a series of recommendations to improve the quality and status of the teaching profession in the ACT. More specifically the Committee recommended that the Government establish a teacher registration board as a matter of priority and make registration a compulsory requirement for all teachers in the ACT.

In 2005 the Government made a commitment to explore possible options for ACT teacher registration, requiring consideration to be given to differing models from other jurisdictions, registration requirements of other professions and associated costs.

The community consultation process for teacher registration in the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) commenced on 14 May 2007 with the release of the *Teacher Registration in the Australian Capital Territory: Community Consultation paper*. To support the consultation paper, a series of accompanying issues papers were released to further inform the views of ACT education stakeholders.

The consultation paper and subsequent issues papers offered the opportunity for members of the community to contribute towards shaping the quality and status of the teaching profession in the ACT through a community response form or via submission. The community consultation period concluded on Friday 28 September 2007.

A summary of the consultation feedback was provided to the Teacher Registration Reference Group, these findings have formed the basis for the enclosed paper.

The comments and suggestions in each submission will be considered carefully so that recommendations to the ACT Government are informed by the collective views of all ACT education stakeholders. Your opinion will assist our deliberations – please contribute.

All associated documentation is available via [www.det.act.gov.au/services/tr\\_project.htm](http://www.det.act.gov.au/services/tr_project.htm)

Yours sincerely

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