



Indigenous Affairs Committee to travel to Newcastle, Sydney, and Dubbo

The Standing Committee on Indigenous Affairs is inquiring into what educational options have met with the most success for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. We need to know what works best, what has failed and what we can do in conjunction with communities to improve Indigenous education.

On **Monday 21 March 2016**, the Committee will hold hearings in Newcastle with a range of educational institutions including the Wollotuka Institute, and it will also hold a series of teacher and student roundtables.

On **Tuesday 22 March 2016**, the Committee will hold hearings in Sydney with the Aurora Project, the National Catholic Education Commission, and the Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience program to discuss their Indigenous education initiatives.

On **Wednesday 23 March 2016**, the Committee will travel to Dubbo to meet with education professionals such as Professor Jeanie Herbert from Charles Sturt University, the Get Real Program, and the Clontarf Foundation.

Full programs for all hearings and further information on the inquiry, including a link to the Committee's e-newsletter, containing updates about the Inquiry and its future work programme, can be found on the inquiry website at www.aph.gov.au/educationalopportunities.

Students, parents and teachers may be interested in participating in the Committee's questionnaire which is also available from the above website.

The public hearings will be webcast live at http://www.aph.gov.au/News_and_Events/Watch_Parliament.

For media comment, please contact the Committee Chair the Hon Dr Sharman Stone MP on (03) 5821 5371 (Electorate Office) or (02) 6277 4477 (Parliament House).

For background information, and advice on making submissions, please contact the Committee Secretariat on (02) 6277 4559 or indigenouaffairs.reps@aph.gov.au