

Extension for proposed Education Act Public Consultation

Mr Gerard Reid, President Northern Territory Council of Government School Organisations (NTCOGSO) has today expressed his gratitude to Minister Chandler in bowing to public pressure regarding the rushed consultation period for the proposed Education Act.

Mr Reid said “Minister Peter Chandler always promised school communities three (3) months to review any proposed changes to the Education Act.

“School Councils have been working furiously this week in a desperate attempt to be prepared for the closing of submissions tomorrow”.

“We welcome the Ministers reconsideration of the consultation period and the community now has to the end of term 3 (25 September)” Mr Reid said today.

“The process to date has been rushed and we have not been provided with both the proposed Act and Regulations together. It is these important education Regulations which provide school councils with the rules and requirements to govern”.

“It is our understanding that the Regulations have not as yet been written. This makes it very challenging for us (public and school councils) to make a considered review of any proposed changes.

“We encourage Minister Chandler to slow down and provide the public and school councils with both the proposed education act and the regulations. This would be good, transparent governance”. Mr Reid said.

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