



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY
STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, TRAINING AND YOUTH AFFAIRS

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Terms of Reference

Inquiry into school closures and reform of the ACT education system

The Committee will consider aspects of the reform of the ACT education system with particular reference to:

1. The ACT Government's *Towards 2020* policy including:
 - o Demographic factors influencing regional planning in the delivery of educational services;
 - o Configuration of school environments and educational outcomes; and
 - o Reorganisation of the ACT school system thus far.
2. The impact of school consolidation and closures with a focus on:
 - o Community experiences and attitudes;
 - o Student learning experiences; and
 - o Financial, social and environmental impacts.
3. Community responses, including:
 - o Review of the consultation process, including how public submissions were considered and incorporated into the final reform package;
 - o Views on the *Education Amendment Bill 2008*;
 - o Interest expressed by school communities to re-open schools listed for closure; and
 - o New uses for school facilities.
4. Any other relevant matter.