

2006

THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

(As presented)

(Minister for Education and Training)

Education Amendment Bill 2006 (No 2)

A Bill for

An Act to amend the *Education Act 2004*

The Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory enacts as follows:

1 **1 Name of Act**

2 This Act is the *Education Amendment Act 2006 (No 2)*.

3 **2 Commencement**

4 This Act commences on the day after its notification day.

5 *Note* The naming and commencement provisions automatically commence on
6 the notification day (see Legislation Act, s 75 (1)).

7 **3 Legislation amended**

8 This Act amends the *Education Act 2004*.

9 **4 Establishing government schools etc**
10 **New section 20 (6) and (7)**

11 *insert*

12 (6) To ensure that school communities affected by closing or
13 amalgamating a government school are adequately consulted, the
14 Minister must, before a decision is made on the proposal—

15 (a) tell the school communities about the proposal; and

16 (b) listen to, and consider, their views.

17 (7) The consultation must be done in a way that gives effect to the
18 following principles:

19 (a) consultation should focus on access to, and the provision of,
20 quality educational opportunities;

21 (b) consultation should be open and transparent;

22 (c) consultation should lead to sustainable decisions by involving
23 effective community engagement;

- 1 (d) without limiting paragraph (c), consultation should ensure
2 that—
- 3 (i) relevant information is provided in a timely and
4 accessible way to enable maximum community
5 participation in debate about the proposal; and
- 6 (ii) opportunities are provided for feedback about the
7 proposal, especially from families and other people with
8 significant interest in the proposal;
- 9 (e) consultation should include seeking the views of school boards
10 that are likely to be affected by the proposal.
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Endnotes

1 **Presentation speech**

Presentation speech made in the Legislative Assembly on 2006.

2 **Notification**

Notified under the Legislation Act on 2006.

3 **Republications of amended laws**

For the latest republication of amended laws, see www.legislation.act.gov.au.
