

## Where are the details?

Mr Gerard Reid, President Northern Territory Council of Government School Organisations (NTCOGSO) called on the Minister for Education to provide all the details of the new Education Act.

Mr Reid said “Minister Peter Chandler has launched the proposed new Education Act, but a lot of the details School Councils need are missing. We’ve been told we won’t see the Regulations until the Act is in Parliament.”

“There are two pieces of legislation that Schools and School Councils operate under:

- The Education Act (the rules) and
- The School Council Regulations (the details)

“The current Regulations provide details like who can be on a School Council.

“We’ve now been told there might even be an entirely new set of Regulations, which will provide information about which subjects can attract a fee– which parents won’t get a chance to provide comment on.

“We know that under the proposed new Act, schools will be able to start charging fees for anything outside of the ‘standard curriculum’ – but we don’t have the information on what the ‘standard curriculum’ will include.

“Will it include subjects like sports and IT? We just don’t know. We welcome the opportunity for public consultation but we are not seeing the full picture. This process lacks transparency. How can the public be asked for feedback when we are not given the necessary details?” Mr Reid said.

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