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Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Teacher Registration (Northern Territory) Legislation Amendment Bill 2025

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission to the inquiry into the Teacher Registration (Northern Territory) Legislation Amendment Bill 2025.

The Office of the Teacher Registration Board has had numerous opportunities to have direct input into the legislative changes provided through several workshop sessions. As a result, the office staff have had direct input into the draft legislative amendments and support the proposed changes as they ensure the continuation of protecting the quality and safety of the teaching profession in the Territory ensuring that only fit and proper and appropriately qualified and competent individuals are employed as teachers.

The proposed amendments are nationally significant in strengthening child safety and improving governance in early childhood education. Aligning qualification standards and English language proficiency supports national consistency and workforce mobility. The shift from “foreign languages” to “languages other than English” enables the inclusion of Aboriginal language experts, preserving cultural knowledge. Additionally, allowing the Board to set a two-year employment period for authorities will streamline registration and reduce administrative burden for both the office and applicants.

Yours sincerely



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