



Petition

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The NT Government: Stop the destruction of NT education by slashing teacher funding:

NT students face loss of subjects, even larger classes and much less individual help under the new and unworkable funding formula for schools. They will lose specialist teachers and be left further behind children in the rest of Australia. PLEASE HELP THEM.

Response

The new teacher staffing allocation model places more emphasis on the importance of early years schooling and ensures a more equitable approach to educational delivery across all stages of schooling. While the middle years and senior stages will be impacted upon, the student teacher ratios will be comparable to those in other jurisdictions. In addition, maximum class sizes will remain at 27 students unless otherwise agreed as per the current *Northern Territory Public Sector Teacher and Educator 2010 - 2013 Enterprise Agreement*.

Principals have worked closely with their staff and school communities to undertake workforce planning to align staff resources with educational program delivery in their schools.

The Department of Education is currently undertaking a review of Indigenous education and will undertake additional reviews of education in middle and senior years. The outcomes of these reviews will provide the Department of Education with clear evidence for future staffing and resourcing needs for Northern Territory schools.