



Media release

New inquiry into E-Petition 078-25 and PET-41-26: Make career guidance a right for every ACT Year 7-10 public school student

The Standing Committee on Social Policy has announced it will be undertaking an inquiry into E-Petition 078-25 and PET-41-26: Make career guidance a right for every ACT Year 7–10 public school student.

The Chair of the Committee, Mr Thomas Emerson MLA, said, ‘A significant number of people signed the petitions expressing concern at the lack of student access to a qualified career adviser in high school.’

‘The Committee is interested in hearing from a variety of stakeholders to better understand possible pathways to improve access to appropriate career advice for students at this age level.’

The Terms of Reference for the inquiry are available on the [ACT Legislative Assembly](https://www.parliament.act.gov.au/act-legislative-assembly) website.

Information about how to make a submission is available on the Assembly website:

<https://www.parliament.act.gov.au/get-involved/guides/submissions>

Submissions close on 2 October 2026.

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