RESPONSE TO PETITION

Petition No. HA 6 /2015 House of Assembly

The petitioners call on the State Government to:-

- (1) Acknowledge the current innovation and support provided to students with disability on the Northern Campus of the Tasmanian eSchool;
- (2) Call on the Minister for Education to immediately reverse the 2016 Tasmanian eSchool staffing cuts.

GOVERNMENT RESPONSE:

The Government acknowledges the current innovation and support provided to students with disability on the Northern Campus of the Tasmanian eSchool and has approved an interim staffing formula for 2016, based on enrolments for each campus.

The following eSchool staffing funding arrangements are in place for 2016:

- Northern Campus 12 FTE staff, including an Assistant Principal, an Advanced Teacher (AST) and 10 FTE teachers.
- Southern Campus 10 FTE staff, including the Principal, an AST and eight FTE teachers.

This will enable the school to continue to provide innovative and supportive learning opportunities for all students, including those with disabilities.

Jeremy Rockliff MP Deputy Premier Minister for Education and Training

Date: 3.3.2016