

## **Committee to hold hearing on Sunshine Coast**

Sunshine Coast teachers and academics have been invited to assist a parliamentary committee that is inquiring into how senior level maths, chemistry and physics are being assessed in Queensland schools.

The Queensland Parliament's Education and Innovation Committee is examining the assessment of these subjects following claims by some teachers and academics that the current system is problematic.

Committee Chair, Mrs Rosemary Menkens MP, said that the Committee will hold a hearing on the Sunshine Coast following considerable interest in the inquiry being expressed across the region.

"The Committee received quite a number of submissions from Sunshine Coast based teachers that were very informative and helpful to our inquiry," Mrs Menkens said.

"We have invited a number of local Sunshine Coast teachers and two academics from the University of the Sunshine Coast to appear at the Sunshine Coast hearing. All will be asked to provide further information and evidence to the Committee based on their submission that were received as part of our inquiry," Mrs Menkens said. "Committee members will also seek their views on a range of matters relating to the inquiry".

"The Committee received almost 300 written submissions from people with an interest in the inquiry. We have also received briefings from government officials over two days and held two hearings to follow up submissions made to the inquiry, as well as holding an expert advisory forum with academics to look at the theoretical underpinnings of the assessment approach in these subjects, at Parliament House in Brisbane," Mrs Menkens said.

"The Sunshine Coast hearing will be the final opportunity for stakeholders to present evidence to the Committee before our findings and recommendations are reported to the Parliament in August."

The Sunshine Coast hearing will be held at Lily's at the Novotel Twin Waters on Wednesday 10 July, and will be open to the public to observe from 10.30am – 1.00pm. The venue seats up to seventy audience members and people will be admitted on a 'first in' basis. A transcript of the hearing will be available on the Committee's webpage at a later date.

For further information about the Sunshine Coast hearing, please contact the Committee's secretariat on 3406 7363.