CONSULTATION OPENS ON INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION PLAN

The NSW Government is inviting public input into the development of a long term International Education and Research Industry Action Plan, Deputy Premier and Minister for Trade and Investment Andrew Stoner said today.

The International Education and Research Taskforce is inviting consultation on plans to boost the international education and research sector, worth $5.8 billion a year to NSW.

“Education and research are critically important to the future prosperity of NSW, including our successful international engagement with the global economy,” Mr Stoner said.

“Actions to boost our education and research sector will also be critical if we are to achieve our growth and competitiveness targets.”

Mr Stoner said the International Education and Research Industry Action Plan will focus on the following areas:

- Education Exports – increasing exports from the vocational education and training, university and secondary school sectors, including both public and private providers.
- Developing and enhancing international education, research and industry precincts – building Sydney as an international education and research city and attracting international partners to invest and locate in NSW education and research precincts.
- Innovation in Education Delivery – focusing on digital and online delivery of education across NSW and internationally.
- Attracting, enhancing and leveraging educational opportunities for NSW-based institutions internationally.

“More than 200,000 international students choose Sydney and NSW for their studies every year, more than any other Australian State,” Mr Stoner said.

“The International Education and Research Action Plan will build on our already strong international reputation for internationally respected qualifications, world class research and teaching, cultural diversity and safe environment.”

Submissions for consideration by the NSW International Education and Research Industry Taskforce could be made via the “Have Your Say” website:

Formal submissions addressing the Taskforce’s Terms of Reference, which are available on the website, can be made until 25 March 2012.