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AEU WELCOMES CHANGE TO POLYTECHNIC LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE

"The AEU welcomes a change to the leadership structure of the Polytechnic, as a step in the right direction and is hopeful it will provide a greater degree of support our members believe is needed at campus level" said Ms Wright, President of the Australian Education Union.

Through its members, who were involved in Tasmania Tomorrow during 2009, the AEU identified the need for a campus-based leadership structure that allows for greater responsiveness and more streamlined decision making on the ground, plus the ability to better support students.

"Ensuring each campus has a decision making team and in particular having leaders responsible for students pastoral care is an important improvement and step forward".

"Having said that, it must not be assumed that this change will be the solution to the problems within Tasmania Tomorrow. As with Tasmania Tomorrow itself, this leadership structure must be reviewed and evaluated for its effectiveness over time. This is simply good practice when implementing any change".

"The public record leaves no doubt about the AEU's position in relation to Tasmania Tomorrow. This position has not changed. But, while ever our Union has members working in this system, for how ever long it is in existence, the AEU must and will seek improvements for our members. We have done this throughout 2009 and will continue to do so in 2010", said Ms Wright, President of the Australian Education Union.

The change to the leadership structure in the Polytechnic is an important outcome for the Union.

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