Legislation Reform

The State government has released the second discussion paper (Education and Care Legislation Reform) relating to the reform of legislation relating to children’s services and school education.

The paper states that it has been designed to provide opportunities to comment and inform the development of new legislation governing the regulation and registration of schools and children’s services in South Australia.

The paper encompasses the full range of schools and children’s services in South Australia “...be they registered, licensed or subject to other standards or quality assurance processes that are outside the scope of existing legislation.

Page 9 and 10 identify the underpinning principles that will inform the legislation.

*Are there other principles that should be included?*

Page 11-19 outlines the current regulatory environment and legislation.

*Do you consider this provides an accurate picture of the current situation?*

Page 20-28 discusses various proposals for the future including:

- Integrated legislation for care and education services (currently two Acts)
- An enhanced approach that incorporates all education and care services into a ‘unified system that recognizes the distinct features of each service
- An integrated approach that removes the current fragmented approach to regulation
- Other options that could the consistency and effectiveness of the current regulation and legislation.

*What implications might emerge for the Independent sector if any of the above approaches were implemented?*

Responses are due by 30 June 2008.

The discussion paper can be obtained at [www.edlawreform.sa.gov.au](http://www.edlawreform.sa.gov.au)