



# **MEDIA RELEASE**

## **TCC calls for a university campus in the Valley**

The Tuggeranong Community Council (TCC) has called on the ACT Government to boost further education services and facilities in the Valley.

In a motion passed at its recent meeting the Council called for the establishment of a combined technical college and university campus in the Tuggeranong Valley.

More than 4,330 residents from the Tuggeranong Valley and surrounds are currently enrolled in tertiary studies at the University of Canberra (2540), Australian National University (1,640) and the Australian Catholic University (248).

There are approx 5,000 Tuggeranong Valley residents studying at the various Canberra Institute of Technology (CIT) campuses including the Tuggeranong Learning Centre.

TCC President, Darryl Johnston, said many students living in the Tuggeranong Valley face, not only a heavy study load, but also hours of travelling between home and campus on public transport at odd times of the day depending on their lectures.

“It can also be very expensive for many students on a meagre income. A combined technical college and university campus in the Valley would make student life and studying easier for many existing students and open up more educational opportunities for others,” he added.

The TCC will take the matter up with the ACT Education Minister, Andrew Barr.

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