



Rural and Remote Education Advisory Council



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Ms Janine Marie Freeman MLA
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Legislative Assembly of Western Australia
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Dear Ms Freeman

I was recently appointed as Chairperson of the Rural and Remote Education Advisory Council (RREAC) – a ministerial advisory council to the Minister of Education and Training.

Established in early 1997 RREAC provides the Minister with evidence-based and solutions-focused strategic advice on education and training issues and developments in rural and remote areas of Western Australia. RREAC fulfils an important role in providing this advice and reports directly to the Minister. In line with its terms of reference, RREAC presents reports to the Minister on its activities.

I note that the Education and Health Standing Committee has commenced an inquiry into the *Delivery of the Vocational Education and Training in Schools Program*. Over the years RREAC has inquired into this area. Further background to RREAC and access to reports that have been published can be found at www.rreac.des.wa.gov.au including:

- Vocational Education and Training in Schools (April 2016)
- Regional Report: Meetings in the Pilbara Region (October 2015)
- Enhancing Student Aspirations - non-ATAR pathways to further education (December 2016)

Yours sincerely

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Member for Kalamunda
Chair, Rural and Remote Education Advisory Council

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