

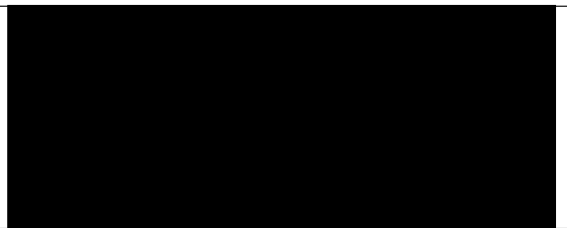
**IN THE MATTER OF THE ROYAL COMMISSION  
INTO FAMILY VIOLENCE**

**ATTACHMENT 'GC-25' TO STATEMENT OF GILLIAN ANNE CALLISTER**

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## STRENGTHENING REGIONAL SERVICES AND SUPPORT

Strengthening regional services and support for schools is a key aspect of the Education State.

The Department of Education and Training will employ approximately 150 new staff in its regional offices to enhance services and provide support to principals and school communities.

### HOW WILL IT WORK?

The \$82.2 million initiative will see 17 new areas created within the Department's current four regions.

Each area will have a multi-disciplinary team dedicated to supporting school improvement and stronger student outcomes. These teams will include an Education Area Director, Senior Advisors, Assistant Senior Advisors and School Improvement Project Officers.

These teams will work with schools to:

- share best practice and a culture of collaboration across school communities
- monitor school performance and provide guidance and direction on how to improve
- support schools with their operational and administrative responsibilities such as Occupational Health and Safety and maintenance
- strengthen links between early childhood, schools, VET and adult education
- strengthen links with community organisations, parents and business.

The initiative will be delivered in phases, commencing with the appointment of the additional Senior Advisors by the end of 2015.

### WHY IS IT NEEDED?

Every school and every community is different. Stronger regional services and support will allow us to more closely meet the individual needs of local communities.

Teachers and principals have told us they need extra help to provide the best support possible to the kids in their care. The new teams will help relieve principals and teachers from operational and administrative burdens so they can focus on what matters most for Victoria's students.

Stronger regional services and support will also ensure greater transparency and accountability across our school system.

"Empower regional communities in clusters to do grassroots, whole-of-community, cross-sectoral approaches."

Community member

"We need support from the Department to allow for flexibility and innovation for schools to work together."

Principal

### MORE INFORMATION

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