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Advanced Education and Future of That Board and its Staff

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Mossman, 29th May, 1989

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TITLE: Extension of Term of
Appointment of Chairman of
Board of Advanced Education and
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Staff.

CABINET decided:-

1. That the proposal to establish within the Ministry of Education an Office of Higher Education to be staffed by the staff currently employed by the Board of Advanced Education be endorsed.
2. That approval be given for the drafting of further amendments to the Education Act to enable the cessation of the Board of Advanced Education at the end of 1989 and the vesting of any residual functions and powers relating to colleges of advanced education in the Honourable the Minister for Education, Youth and Sport.
3. That the Honourable the Minister for Education, Youth and Sport be authorized to take the appropriate steps to have the term of appointment of the current Chairman of the Board of Advanced Education extended from 1st July, 1989 to 31st December, 1989.

CIRCULATION: Department of Education and copy to Minister.
Premier's Department and copy to Premier and
Treasurer.
Parliamentary Counsel.
Treasury Department and copy to Minister.
Department of Employment, Vocational Education and
Training and copy to Minister.
All other Ministers for perusal and return.

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Secretary to Cabinet.

FOR CABINET

RE : EXTENSION OF TERM OF APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN OF BOARD OF
ADVANCED EDUCATION AND FUTURE OF THAT BOARD AND ITS STAFF

1. Following the decision made at the end of 1987 not to proclaim the Education Act Amendment Act which had only just been passed, action was taken to develop a new Education (General Provisions) Act and a series of brief, specific-purpose complementary acts providing for the establishment and operation of the statutory authorities known as the Board of Senior Secondary School Studies and the Board of Teacher Registration. These acts have now been passed by the Parliament.
2. Most of the remainder of the Education Act 1964-1988 is now concerned with the operations of advanced education and the provisions governing the Board of Advanced Education and the councils of colleges of advanced education. With the abolition of the binary system by the Federal Government following the passage of its Higher Education Funding Act 1988, advanced education is no longer formally recognized as a separate sector of higher education. While there remains a need for coordination of higher education within the State, the continuation of a statutory authority charged with the coordination only of the activities of colleges of advanced education can no longer be justified. Being confined solely to advanced education, it is now somewhat anachronistic and will become ineffective as some colleges of advanced education are about to attain university status and others are expected to become affiliated with the State's existing universities.
3. Nevertheless to ensure that the needs of the State continue to be addressed adequately, the Minister for Education will require an independent source of advice on issues that relate to the provision of higher education. To facilitate ways in which this advice can be obtained, it is intended to establish within the Ministry of Education an Office of Higher Education. This office will be staffed by the eleven staff members currently employed by the Board of Advanced Education.
4. The functions of this office would be to prepare advice on issues that relate to the provision of higher education throughout the State as a whole so that its needs are met adequately. Not only would the proposed office assess the suggestions and recommendations made by other bodies with interests in higher education, it would consider the proposed development of new institutions, the possible expansion of existing institutions into new areas, the sources and distribution of resources required by and provided to the State, the overseas marketing of the State's higher education courses, the results of statistical analyses, and submissions made by individual higher education institutions on their future proposals. In this way the State Minister for Education can be assured of receiving adequate information on the State's needs and intentions in preparation for discussions on various issues with his Federal counterpart.
5. Until legislation to effect the transition of certain colleges of advanced education to university status is enacted, however, there is a need for the Board of Advanced Education to continue. This is now expected to be until the end of 1989. The members of the Board of Advanced Education have been appointed until November 1990, but the term of appointment of its current chairman will expire on 30 June 1989.

6. I am therefore seeking the approval of Cabinet for appropriate action to be taken to extend the period of appointment of the Chairman of that Board until 31 December 1989, for the drafting of further amendments to the Education Act to excise from it references relating specifically to the Board and to vest in me as Minister any remaining functions that will need to be performed relating to any colleges of advanced education and their Councils if such remain after the end of 1989, and to endorse the proposal that upon the cessation of the operations of the Board of Advanced Education at that time, there be established within the Education portfolio an Office of Higher Education to be staffed by those staff members currently employed by the Board of Advanced Education.

RECOMMENDATIONS :

1. that Cabinet endorse the proposal to establish within the Ministry of Education an Office of Higher Education to be staffed by the staff currently employed by the Board of Advanced Education.
2. that Cabinet approve the drafting of further amendments to the Education Act to enable the cessation of the Board of Advanced Education at the end of 1989 and the vesting of any residual functions and powers relating to colleges of advanced education in the Minister.
3. that the Minister for Education be authorized to take the appropriate steps to have the term of appointment of the current Chairman of the Board of Advanced Education extended from 1 July 1989 to 31 December 1989.

BRIAN LITTLEPROUD, M.L.A.
Minister for Education,
Youth and Sport

PORT DOUGLAS
29 May 1989