



Public Notice: Ministerial Decision of Approval of Approved Authority on Public Interest Grounds

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The Australian Government is providing funding to support the construction of a Hindu School in Oakville, Western Sydney.

The Minister for Education (Minister) has approved a new Approved Authority, Hindu Education and Cultural Centre Ltd, under paragraph 74(1)(b) of the *Australian Education Act 2013* (the Act) on public interest grounds.

This approval is required for the proposed school, The Sanatan School (seeking to be established and not yet offering education), to access capital funding under the Act.

This notice has been published within 7 days of the decision, in accordance with paragraph 74(2) of the Act.

This approval may be subject to conditions and exemptions to ensure appropriate oversight and compliance with the Act.

In approving the Approved Authority, the Minister is satisfied that it is in the public interest as the decision supports:

- Families in Western Sydney having choice and availability in accessing school education that has a cultural-basis within the Hindu faith.
- The inherent public value in providing access to a Hindu School in Western Sydney, noting that no such school exists at this time.
- The strong interest from the growing Hindu community.
- The Government's commitment to supporting parental choice and diversity in the schooling system.