



Public Notice: Ministerial Approval of Approved Authorities on Public Interest Grounds

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The Australian Government's Capital Grants Program (CGP) for non-government schools provides funding to support the construction of new school infrastructure across Australia.

The Minister for Education has approved several Approved Authorities or varied existing Approved Authorities' approval to add new schools under the *Australian Education Act 2013* (the Act), on public interest grounds.

This approval is required for proposed schools (schools that are seeking to be established and not yet offering education) to be eligible for capital funding under the Act, including the CGP.

The Minister may approve a person as an Approved Authority on public interest grounds under paragraph 74(1)(b) of the Act. This notice has been published within 7 days of the decision, in accordance with paragraph 74(2)(b) of the Act.

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

In approving Approved Authorities or varying Approved Authorities' approval the Minister is satisfied that it is in the public interest as the decision supports:

- demand for schooling of particular types in specific geographic areas
- the need to respond to population growth and future enrolment needs
- schools to serving specific communities, including those with educational disadvantage
- government policy supporting choice and affordability for parents.

Without approval or variation of these Approved Authorities proposed schools would not be eligible to attract capital funding under the Act, including the CGP.

A list of authorities approved by the Minister is provided below.

List of Approved Authorities

Approved Authority	School	Location	Public Interest Statement
The Anglican Schools Commission Incorporated	St Matthew's Anglican School	Yanchep, WA	The school will respond to demographic data identifying strong growth in the region over the next 20 years.
Horizons College Glass House Mountains Limited	Horizons College Glass House Mountains	Glass House Mountains, Qld	The school will provide educational diversity in an area expected to face significant population growth in the next few years.
Nullu Badi Ngudyubay Academy Limited	Nullu Badi Ngudyubay Academy	Yeppoon, Qld	The school will provide an Indigenous-led education option in Central Queensland.
Two Rivers Academy Limited	Two Rivers Community School	Mareeba, Qld	The school will provide educational diversity and choice in Mareeba, which is a growing regional centre with a diverse population.

