INVITATION

The Department of Education and Training, Office of School Education invites you to:

The Disability Standards for Education Forum

When: Tuesday 16 May 2006

Where: Mercure Hotel Melbourne
       ‘Flinders Room’
       13 Spring Street
       Melbourne 3000

Time: 11:00 am to 3:45 pm

Keynote Speaker: Graeme Innes AM
(Human Rights Commissioner and Commissioner Responsible for Disability Discrimination)

Lawyer, Mediator and Company Director Graeme Innes has been a Human Rights Practitioner for 25 years.

Graeme has worked in equal opportunity in NSW, WA, and nationally. He was Deputy Disability Discrimination Commissioner with the Commonwealth Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission from 1999 to 2005.

Graeme has been a Member of -

- the NSW Administrative Decisions Tribunal;
- the NSW Consumer, Trader and Tenancy Tribunal; and
- The Social Security Appeals Tribunal;
- As well as a Hearing Commissioner with the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission.

Graeme has been active in the disability field for thirty years. He was Chair of the Disability Advisory Council of Australia for four and a half years. He was the first blind President of Royal Blind Society of NSW, and the first Chair of Vision Australia, Australia's largest national blindness agency. Graeme has been one of Australia's delegates to the World Blind Union, and the President of that Union's Asia-Pacific region. Graeme is a member of the Australian delegation to the United Nations developing a Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities. Graeme has been a consultant to organisations such as Westpac, Qantas, and Sydney Water, on disability issues. He has also been a Councillor on Ku-ring-gai local Council. In 1995 Graeme was admitted as a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for his contribution to the development of Commonwealth disability discrimination legislation. He was a finalist for Australian of the year in 2003.

Tea and coffee will be available on arrival.
The forum will commence promptly at 11.00am.