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Dear Dr Michell

Thank you for your correspondence of 3 June 2024 regarding English as an Additional Language or Dialect (EALD) teacher study requirements.

EALD teachers have an important role in our schools, particularly in our multicultural communities. We do need to ensure that future EALD graduates are adequately prepared to meet the needs of a diverse range of students in our schools.

In October 2023, I asked the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) to remove unnecessary barriers for teachers to gain recognition in areas of greatest need through a review of the Subject Content Knowledge policy and subject coding processes. This review is underway.

I have been assured by NESA that your recommendation to broaden the range of studies applicable to EALD teaching will be considered in the review of the Subject Content Knowledge Requirements. The review is anticipated to be concluded by early 2025. NESA staff will liaise with ATESOL and other stakeholders in the next few months on this review.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further, you may contact Mr John Healey, Director, Teacher Education and Accreditation at NESA by telephone on 02 9367 8470 or by email at john.healey@nesa.nsw.edu.au.

Thank you for taking the time to raise this important matter.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Prue Car".

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