

Minister Peter Garrett  
Minister for School Education, Early Childhood and Youth  
PO Box 6022  
House of Representatives  
Parliament House  
Canberra ACT 2600

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Dear Minister Garrett,

ACHPER (SA)- The Australian Council for Health, Physical Education and Recreation, South Australian Branch Incorporated is the peak professional association for Health and Physical Education teachers in South Australia.

We wish to bring to your attention the fact that South Australia is the only state that does not have representation on the ACARA Curriculum Advisory Panel Members 2011: Health and Physical Education recently announced for the "national" Australian Health and Physical Education (H&PE) curriculum development.

From the list released by ACARA there appears an "east coast" bias in representation. It makes a mockery of "national" development if South Australia lacks representation in an important area contributing to the H&PE curriculum development process. South Australia has a long history of curriculum innovation and development in physical education curriculum and pedagogy in particular, with important developments like the Daily Physical Education program (to name but one) emerging from this state.

We are concerned and dismayed. On behalf of our members we request an explanation why South Australia was not able to get at least one representative on the Advisory Group.

Regards



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Executive Director – ACHPER (SA)  
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