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Peter Lindsay

Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence

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CIT LEADS THE WAY IN SUPPORTING STUDENT RESERVISTS

Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence, Mr Peter Lindsay MP today congratulated the Canberra Institute of Technology (CIT) for being Australia's first vocational education and training institution to adopt a set of guidelines developed to protect students who are Australian Defence Force Reservists.

"The CIT's move strengthens protection for students who also serve as members of the ADF Reserves," Mr Lindsay said.

"The CIT guidelines allow student Reservists to learn in alternative formats, provide them with additional time to complete assessment requirements and grant them special examinations and variations to due-dates among other provisions."

Mr Lindsay also said that the precedent set by guidelines such as these should help students in other TAFEs negotiate fair and reasonable arrangements to balance their study and Defence commitments.

Major General Greg Melick, Assistant Chief of Defence – Reserves, Dr Colin Adrian, Chief Executive Officer of the CIT and Andrew Barr, ACT Minister for Education, officially announced the partnership this morning at the CIT Reid Campus in Canberra.

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