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Non-Government sector driving Education discussion

The Colony 47 Education and Training Advisory Board were delighted to be joined by education spokespeople from all three major Tasmanian political parties on Tuesday, in a forum regarding the future of education in Tasmania.

The Board is made up of representatives from the Tasmanian Catholic Education Office, Tasmanian Association of State School Organisations, Tasmanian Qualification Authority, Tasmanian Department of Education, TasTAFE, industry representatives and career advisors and consultants.

Colony 47 CEO Therese Taylor and Board Chair Kim Boyer believe that education is one of the cornerstones of this election campaign and Tasmania's future prosperity.

"The Colony 47 Education Advisory Board is made up of education leaders and advocates and industry representatives who want to ensure the best outcomes in education for the young people in this state", said Ms Taylor.

"The open, frank conversation with representatives of the three major parties was particularly inspiring, as all, while recognising the issues we face, offered long term solutions that will reshape the culture of education in this state."

The forum demonstrated that the non-government sector has a vital role to play in education in Tasmania, particularly in building partnerships and engaging with industry and schools to increase benefits for young Tasmanians.

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This forum was conducted as a one-on-one confidential discussion with Mr Michael Ferguson, the Hon. Brian Wightman and the Hon. Nick McKim.

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