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NSW COMMUNITY LANGUAGES SCHOOLS QUALITY ASSURANCE
PROCESS DELIVERS FIRST REPORT
A GREAT MODEL FOR OTHERS

Community Languages Australia's, Project on Improvement of National Coordination and Quality Assurance in Ethnic Schools funded by the Department of Education Science and Training (DEST) is now well entrenched with tangible outcomes being delivered.

One of the project tasks is to deliver a Quality Assurance Framework together with criteria and key result areas.

Erebus International has been facilitating a number of workshops in States and Territories.

The NSW process commenced in December 2005 with the involvement of the NSW Federation of Community Languages Schools (NSWFCLS), the Department of Education and Training and the NSW Community Languages Schools Board.

The working party met a number of times together with language specific groups. The first set of criteria, elements, indicators and pointers of the QA Framework has now been delivered in NSW.

On Friday March 17, 2006 Community Languages Australia Executive Director Stefan Romaniw met with NSWFCL President Albert Vella, DET Community Languages Schools PD officer, Len Ball, Community Engagement Division Manager Christine Ellis to examine the national project's objectives and outcomes to date in NSW.

The formal outcomes of the QA working party were presented and will now form part of the national discussion paper. Discussions also commenced about the next Round Table on languages education to be held in Sydney later this year.

The work undertaken by all stakeholders is a credit to all involved as schools will now have strong template for continuing to develop their own QA mechanism based on a strong model.

Erebus will now examine the outcomes and commence developing the national QA Framework.
