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The Modern Languages Teachers Association of NSW (MLTANSW) writes in regards to the surprising news about the new Accreditation of Professional Development Courses Policy.

As a recently endorsed provider, it is disappointing to learn that all the developed quality courses will be deregistered immediately. MLTANSW-developed courses ensure that the skills and knowledge targeted through these professional learning experiences directly impact and improve student learning outcomes in Languages education. The professional learning aligns directly to language syllabus outcomes developed by NESA and with the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers.

There is also a strong emphasis when delivering these courses on adult learning, and active learning principles, with embedded opportunities to apply the content and skills incorporated into our courses.

This rash decision made without consultation undermines the work of professional teacher associations which support teachers. As an endorsed provider for all sectors where there is limited professional learning opportunities in Languages education, we are deeply disappointed by this decision. We assert that all MLTANSW courses created are rigorous in content, quality and endorsed against NESA standards.

The MLTANSW urges NESA to reconsider the deregistering of our courses and the radical policy imposed, which will undermine the work of this association and be detrimental to teacher professional learning in general.

**MLTA Committee**