

**ITEM USE OF *MACQUARIE DICTIONARY* AS FINAL
ARBITER OF SPELLING**

POLICY The selection of the *Macquarie Dictionary* stems from an agreement reached by all States and Territories at the 1988 Australian Education Council meeting. It was agreed that, in future, the *Macquarie Dictionary* would be used as the standard reference speller for Australian usage in education. The attention of all schools and employees of the Northern Territory Department of Employment, Education and Training is drawn to this agreement.

It should be noted that the *Macquarie Dictionary* is to be used as the final arbiter of spelling. This should not be taken to mean, however, that other dictionaries are not to be used. Since the *Macquarie Dictionary* does not give the origins of words, and this is an important aspect for study, schools may consider it appropriate to use other dictionaries for various purposes.

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