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Synthetic Phonics and EAL/D Learners – ACTA's Position Paper

Featured Symposium

Chair: Chris Davison, ACTA President
Presenters: Helen Moore, Ester De Jong, Lisa Garrett, & Kathy Rushton.
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Symposium Overview

01 **The ACTA Position Paper: Overview**

Helen Moore, Co-convenor ACTA Indigenous EAL/D Consultancy Group, President ATESOL ACT.

02 **Response to the Position Paper from a North American perspective**

Professor Ester de Jong, University of Colorado, Denver.

03 **Response to the Position Paper from a First Nations EAL/D Education perspective**

Lisa Garrett, Queensland Dept. of Education

04 **Response to the Position Paper from a Teacher Professional Development perspective**

Kathy Rushton, University of Sydney

05 **Audience small group discussion**

06 **Q & A**

Response to the position paper that considers Indigenous EAL/D learners

***What has been the impact of synthetic phonics in your teaching context*?**