Peek training body welcomes new industry engagement arrangements

The Australian Council for Private Education and Training (ACPET) today welcomed the Australian Government’s announcement of new arrangements that will strengthen the role of industry and employer input into the development of Australian Training Packages.

ACPET CEO, Rod Camm, said the needs and opportunities of Australian industry must always be fundamental to the way in which training packages are designed and delivered, and the new arrangements would help ensure the training sector continues to be responsive and industry-focused.

“I am very pleased that, by establishing the Industry Reference Committees, the Federal Government has retained a strong focus on engaging industry in the process of training development and delivery,” Mr. Camm said.

“Industry and the training sector must work hand in glove if we are to rise to the workplace challenges of today and tomorrow,” he said.

“Australia’s workforce is increasingly mobile, variable and diverse. Training packages needs to reflect this reality and strike the right balance between responding to the needs of today’s workplace, and giving students the best possible training that supports their career aspirations now and into the future.”

Mr Camm said that, with their strong links to industry and students, training providers are well placed to provide an important ‘real world’ perspective on the development and implementation of training packages, and he hoped ACPET would play a key role in that.

“ACPET looks forward to working with industry and Federal and State and Territory governments to ensure that these new arrangements enable meaningful input from training organisations and industry into the development of training packages.” he said.

“We also welcome a more balanced approach to the review and updating of training packages so that we provide greater consistency to industry and also minimise the disruption and cost of changes to training packages.”

Mr Camm also recognised the important work that Industry Skills Councils had undertaken over many years. “The ISCs have played an important role in developing training packages as a fundamental component of our skills system. This work has been greatly appreciated by ACPET”.

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