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**Education and Training Must Underpin Productivity in Victoria**

The Australian Council for Private Education and Training (ACPET) today congratulated Victoria’s Premier-elect, Ted Ballieu, with A/g CEO, Claire Field, urging the new Coalition Government to make important reforms to the State’s education and training sector that will better meet the needs of students, industry and the community.

“ACPET looks forward to working with the new Victorian Government on important reforms such as the need for a national regulatory model, increases to teaching capacity through professional development, and equitable funding for the State’s education and training sector.”

“We also call upon the Premier-elect to allocate funding to support the State’s largest export industry, international education, beginning with the additional $10 million already needed to fund the initiatives agreed to by Victoria’s international education expert reference group.

“ACPET is committed to a training system founded on principles of increased student choice and encouragement for enterprises to invest in training,” Ms Field said.

“I urge Victoria’s Coalition Government to invest in a training system that supports growth in a dynamic private education sector and removes outdated barriers between public and private institutions.”

ACPET looks forward to working with the Victorian Government to address the following priorities:

1. Wider access to public training funds for training by individuals and enterprises
2. Operational improvement in applying Victorian education and training regulations
3. Convergence with national regulation directions
4. Investment in professional development for all vocational training personnel, and
5. Revitalising international education in Victoria.

_Claire Field is available for comment._

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