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Tasmanian Budget Seeks Productivity Through Education & Training

The Tasmanian Government’s investment in education and training through its 2011/12 Budget will help address productivity challenges and underpin prosperity in the years ahead, the Australian Council for Private Education and Training (ACPET) said today.

ACPET CEO, Claire Field, said the Tasmanian Government’s decision to earmark $1.3 billion for education and training initiatives showed that it was committed to ongoing investment in training reform.

“The Tasmanian Government clearly understands the importance of education and training as an economic as well as a social enabler,” Ms Field said.

“Like other States and Territories around the country, Tasmania needs a highly-skilled and well-trained workforce that is capable of meeting the demands of modern industry.”

“The Tasmanian Government has recognised that need, and ACPET commends them for doing so.”

3,500 Tasmanians will benefit from the $16.7 million investment in skills and training funds, including the targeting of $100,000 for a skills development initiative to benefit Tasmania’s world-class hospitality industry.

Ms Field said that ACPET members were ready and eager to work with the Tasmanian Government, along with industry and other education sector stakeholders to implement the Budget measures and deliver the best return on the Government’s investment.

“Tasmania has a strong network of private education and training providers that are capably positioned alongside the State’s public Institutions.”

“Our members look forward to implementing these measures, which will underpin productivity, position the State for future growth and make a real difference to the lives of many Tasmanians and their communities,” Ms Field said.

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