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ACPET commend the New South Wales and Turnbull Governments for Skilling Australians Fund agreement

A considerable number of additional apprenticeships and traineeships will be made available in New South Wales over the next four years following a bold move from the New South Wales Government last night.

New South Wales signed up to the Skilling Australians Fund (SAF) with a project that will make an immense difference to students, providers, the future workforce and economy of the state.

The Australian Council for Private Education and Training (ACPET) commend the New South Wales and Turnbull Governments for pioneering such an agreement.

Rod Camm, ACPET CEO, said “A commitment like this speaks volumes, New South Wales is serious about their investment in the VET sector.”

“This level of funding will make an enormous difference. It will help employers meet their growing need for qualified skilled people, and the flow on effect will see significant improvements in state infrastructure and the economy at large.”

The SAF was launched by the Commonwealth in conjunction with the 2017 budget. The SAF was designed to create 300,000 apprenticeships and traineeships over 5 years through a \$1.5 billion investment.

New South Wales has secured a significant portion of this funding with an expected \$500 million being invested in the future of New South Wales.

Mr Camm said “I am excited about the opportunity that this creates for future apprentices and trainees in New South Wales, and I would anticipate that other States and Territories are looking to follow this lead.”

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