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Reform of VET and Higher Education is required

Australian Council for Private Education and Training (ACPET) CEO Rod Camm has welcomed the Business Council of Australia (BCA) calls for reform of the VET and higher education sectors.

The BCA' discussion paper [*Future-proof: Protecting Australians through Education and Skills*](#) raises some important points for government and industry to consider.

Mr Camm said there needs to be an overhaul of the funding of the higher education and VET sectors. "The current arrangements are simply undermining the relevance and quality of the VET sector.

ACPET strongly supports the call by BCA to sort out the dysfunctional separation of VET and higher education funding. As the BCA says, we need to break down the silos between VET and higher education.

ACPET has long been calling on governments to sort out the funding mess" Mr. Camm said. "It is simply forcing students to make decisions based on funding availability and not what's in their best interests or that of business and industry and the economy".

"The call for students to be given the power to choose what is best for them is strongly supported".

"ACPET believes students are best placed to determine their choice of course and provider. The BCA proposal for a single platform for market information would help students make good decisions about their future skill needs."

Global and workforce dynamics means governments are not well placed to make decisions for students or industry.

Lifelong skilling accounts that workers and job seekers can access as their careers change is worthy of real consideration. We simply need to take a fresh approach to support lifelong learning

"The BCA is to be congratulated on putting forward a major reform agenda. We look forward to working with governments and industry and reaffirm our support for the BCA's push for reform of the VET and higher education sectors to better service the needs of students and our economy.

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