

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Moving towards a level playing field in SA**

The Australian Council for Education and Training (ACPET) welcomes the announcement of the latest Subsidised Training List in South Australia (SA) made by the Minister for Industry and Skills Hon David Pisoni MP this week.

The former SA government required students to go to TAFE regardless of their circumstances and allocated the lion's share of subsidised training to public providers, with 90% of funding going to TAFE SA and effectively eradicating student choice.

“Looking forward, it is pleasing to see that the Marshall government has begun to focus on the needs of students by providing them with the opportunity to select from an expanded range of courses and also the provider that best suits them.”. said ACPET CEO, Rod Camm

Mr Camm said “The new list broadens student choice by increasing the number of subsidised courses to 250, that are offered by both public and independent training providers. That is the key, it is not about guaranteeing funding, it is about letting students decide”.

The announcement represents the first step towards fair and equitable access to training subsidies in line with the government’s election promise.

It is anticipated that future versions of the Subsidised Training List will further increase the number of courses accessible to students through approved quality training providers.

“By enabling choice, it is anticipated that the sector will be freed up to develop productive, innovative and collaborative partnerships with employers in delivering future focussed skills”.

“The flow on effect of this will benefit all stakeholders, and ultimately contribute to upskilling the workforce and developing the state economy” Mr Camm said.

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