

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Peak training body welcomes increased scrutiny of providers**

ACPET CEO, Rod Camm, has welcomed enhanced government scrutiny of training providers as part of a targeted enforcement campaign to ensure contracted registered training organisations comply with the terms of their contracts to deliver Victorian Government-funded training.

This campaign was a key recommendation of the Review of Quality Assurance in Victoria's VET System.

The Australian Council for Private Education and Training (ACPET), has today asked impacted members to explain the circumstances that led to contracts being cancelled.

ACPET CEO, Rod Camm, confirmed that the peak body has issued a "show cause" notice, following media reports that contracts to deliver subsidised training were cancelled by the Victorian Government.

"We are certainly concerned by the reports, however we currently do not have access to the information as to what has led to this action," Mr Camm said.

"At this stage, we are asking for details as part of our show cause process so that we can consider what further action needs to be taken," he said.

"ACPET will take action as it has in the past, which has included removing members who have brought our industry into disrepute."

Mr Camm said ACPET remained committed to working closely with its members, regulatory authorities and governments to weed out unscrupulous training providers, but he added that these cases demonstrate the regulators needed to do more to prevent breaches occurring in the first place.

"It is absolutely vital that regulators are properly resourced and held accountable for their job of maintaining quality standards in the training sector. It undermines the integrity of the entire sector when breaches of standards are not identified and addressed quickly."

"While it is pleasing that Minister Herbert recognises that the vast majority of providers do the right thing, where there is evidence of poor conduct the regulatory bodies must act, and act quickly. ACPET will continue to work with the government and regulators to support quality and integrity measures in the training sector."

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