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Australian Government Vocational Education & Training Committee Appointment

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The peak body representing independent providers in the higher education, vocational education, training and skills sector, the Independent Tertiary Education Council Australia (ITECA), has welcomed the establishment of the Australian Government's Vocational Education and Training (VET) Stakeholder Committee.

The VET Stakeholder Committee has been specifically tasked by Government to engage stakeholders, including the independent VET sector, allowing them to offer guidance to the Australian Government's approach to implementing its Skills Package.

The independent VET sector will be represented by ITECA Chief Executive, Troy Williams.

"The views of independent providers across the VET sector will be of real value to the Australian Government as it sets about implementing positive reforms. It's a privilege to have been appointed to the Committee to ensure the independent VET providers have a strong voice," Mr Williams said.

The Committee's appointment follows the receipt by the Australian Government of the *Expert Review of Australia's Vocational Education and Training System* undertaken by the Hon. Steven Joyce, a former New Zealand Minister for Tertiary Education, Skills and Employment.

"The Joyce Review sets out a reform pathway that will reform VET funding, policy and regulatory settings to ensure they are optimised to support school leavers, non-school leaver students and workers to maximise the achievement of relevant skills and employment outcomes from the VET sector. I look forward to working with the Australian Government as it considers its approach to the implementation of those recommendations," Mr Williams said.

ITECA is well positioned to provide the VET Stakeholder Committee with meaningful insights given independent providers support more than 70% of the 4.1 million students enrolled in VET programs across Australia.

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