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Meeting of the Jobs and Skills Councils (JSC) CEO Network Forum 16 November 2023

The second JSC CEO Network Forum (the Forum) meeting was held in Hobart on Thursday, 16 November 2023.

JSCs support the Government's commitment to deliver a collaborative, tripartite, vocational education and training (VET) system, bringing together employers, unions and governments to address skills shortages and broader workforce challenges.

The focus of this second meeting was an opportunity to bring CEOs together to support ongoing collaboration in delivering the JSC Program.

Cross-sectoral collaboration

The CEOs shared overviews of priorities for future cross-JSC collaboration, which were identified at their first meeting. These priorities are:

- 1. A diverse and inclusive workforce
- 2. Ensuring ANZCO codes accurately reflect the workforce
- 3. Supporting teachers and trainer capacity and skills development
- 4. Digital capability
- 5. Workforce transition.

The CEOs also discussed opportunities to collaborate and support the qualifications reform agenda. The Qualification Reform Design Group has held an initial workshop with JSCs and is meeting with each JSC individually to further discuss the proposed model, the guiding principles and future considerations.

Specific initiatives will also be identified from the JSCs' Initial Workforce Plans to progress in 2024.

Key Deliverables

CEOs shared reflections on the previous 90 days and their progress on key deliverables, including workforce plans, strategic plans and activity schedules. They also discussed collaborative opportunities, capacity and challenges in this early establishment phase.

Governance

The CEOs discussed a proposed Terms of Reference (ToR) for the JSC CEO Network and agreed to meet four times a year with additional virtual meetings. Experiences around JSC establishment were shared and CEOs also discussed their partnership with Jobs and Skills Australia (JSA).

The next meeting of the JSC CEO Network Forum will take place in early 2024.

Thursday 14 December 2023

In attendance:

Sharon Robertson, Manufacturing (Manufacturing Industry Skills Alliance)

Paul Walsh, Transport and Logistics (Industry Skills Australia)

Patrick Kidd, Finance, Technology and Business (Future Skills Organisation)

Natalie Turmine, Arts, Personal Services, Retail, Tourism and Hospitality (SkillsEQuipped)

Gavin Lind, Mining and Automotive (Mining and Automotive Skills Alliance)

Emma King, Aged and Disability, Children's Education and Care, Health, Human Services, Sport and Recreation (HumanAbility)

Jean Dyzel, Public Safety and Government (Public Skills Australia)

Michael Hartman, Agribusiness, Fibre, Furnishing, Food, Animal and Environment Care (Skills Insight)

Anthea Middleton, Energy Gas and Renewables (Powering Skills Organisation)

Brett Schimming, Building, Construction and Property and Water (BuildSkills Australia)