National Scene

VET governance structures
Next wave of reform?

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The only constant...

- Range of programs ceasing and being replaced
- Introduction of training support loans (up to $20,000)
- Industry Skills Fund established from 1 January 2015

National VET Governance

- Council of Australian Governments (COAG)
- COAG Industry and Skills Council (State and Territory Ministers for Skills/Training and Industry)
- Australian Industry and Skills Committee
- Industry Skills Secretaries Committee
- Senior Skills Officials Network
Industry advice

“A stronger voice for industry on VET reform” 15 August 2014

Industry Advisory Board:

- Advises Minister Macfarlane on industry needs in terms of training for increased productivity and future employment needs.
- Made up of 5 members:
  - **John Hart (Chair)** – CEO of Restaurant and Catering Australia.
  - **Patrick McKendry (Deputy Chair)** – CEO Careers Australia Group and former Chairman of the National Quality Council and TVET Australia.
  - **Tara Diamond** – Executive Director, Industry Services at the Australian Mines and Metals Association.
  - **Dominique Fisher** – Executive Chairman and Managing Director of CareerLounge.
  - **Jodie Hughson** – Manager for Quality, Learning and Workplace Development for Anglicare, Southern Queensland
Government Committees

Industry and Skills Secretaries Meetings:
- Departmental Secretaries or equivalents – follows up on COAG ISC meetings. Directs Senior Officials work plan.

Senior Skills Officials Network Meetings:
- Attended by the Deputy-Director General or nominees
- Works at a detailed level to progress actions agreed by COAG Industry Skills Council.
- Reports back to COAG ISC
Australian Industry and Skills Committee:

- Being established before end of 2014
- Nominations requested from states
- Industry led body providing advice on implementation of national VET policies
- Responsible for the endorsement of training packages
Industry and Skills Council

- Met for 2\textsuperscript{nd} time in late September
- Reinforced industry focus
- Continue Apprenticeship harmonisation
- Streamline data reporting
- National VET complaints hotline
- ‘Next wave of reform’
Riding the wave

“VET reform vital to Competitiveness Agenda” 14 October 2014
“New apprenticeship support network a step closer” 21 October 2014
“Greater say for industry on training package design” 31 October 2014

» Australian Apprenticeships Support Services – new tender
» New RTO Standards (part of ASQA reform)
» Discussion papers
  » Changes to Development of Training Packages
  » Training Product Review
Joint Group Training Program

- Australian Government review of JGTP complete
- 20% reduction in Australian Government 2014/15 contribution
- Discontinuing JGTP in 2015/16
- Some functions of JGTP expected to be addressed through new Australian Apprenticeships Support Services Network (AASSN)
Anything else?

- USI
- Higher education reforms
- VET in schools framework
- White paper on Federation...
Thank You