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NATIONAL PEAK BODY CALLS FOR IMPROVED QUALITY OF CAREER ADVICE

David Carney, Executive Director of the Career Industry Council of Australia, has welcomed the comments from the Federal Assistant Education Minister Sussan Ley that Career Advisers have an important role to play in assisting young people make quality choices. Minister Ley made her remarks in the context of students undertaking school-based apprenticeships.

Mr Carney would like to see a greater commitment from Education Departments and School Principals to ensure that young people are being provided with high quality advice from appropriately qualified and trained Career Advisers.

“The role of a Career Adviser in a school is all too often being undertaken by an individual who does not have appropriate qualifications, is under resourced in terms of time and budget, and who is often in the twilight of their teaching career” he said.

The Career Industry Council of Australia, with the support of the Australian Government, has been instrumental in writing and implementing Professional Standards that Career Advisers should meet.

Career Advisers who meet these Professional Standards are required to have completed an appropriate career development qualification adhere to a code of ethical standards and maintain a minimum standard of ongoing learning that ensures that their knowledge and skills are constantly updated to ensure currency of the advice being provided.

The Career Industry Council of Australia challenges all School Principals to ensure that the individual they appoint to the position of Career Adviser in their school is appropriately qualified, is recognized as a Professional by the National Peak body and is providing high quality programs with high quality outcomes for its students.

Mr Carney said he was pleased to read last week that the Executive Director of Sydney Catholic Schools, Dr Dan White stress the importance of Careers Advisers in helping students make informed decisions about their paths of study. He went on to say that; “It is about making sure that each student is provided with high quality career advice in the first instance, and then is well supported with their choices”.

The Career Industry Council of Australia calls on all Governments to acknowledge best practice career advice where it is occurring in Australian Schools and to work with it to raise the standard and improve the quality where it is required.

The Council commends the Minister for recognizing that high quality career advice is integral to achieving quality outcomes in Vocational Education and Training in Schools.

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