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## QUALITY CAREER ADVICE ESSENTIAL TO VETiS REFORM

David Carney, Executive Director of the Career Industry Council of Australia, has welcomed the agreement between the States, Territories and the Commonwealth to reform and update the national Vocational Education and Training in Schools (VETiS) framework and commends the Assistant Minister for Education Sussan Ley for her commitment and drive in this important area.

Increasing the commencement and completion rates of young people in a VETiS course is vital to increasing Australia's productivity, addressing skills shortages and lifting labour market participation.

"If 15-19 year olds in Australia are able to successfully construct career paths and secure employment, which utilizes their potential and meets their own goals, they are likely to be more motivated and productive, and therefore contribute to enhancing national prosperity", Mr Carney said.

It is essential in assisting young people to make informed career decisions that they are provided with quality career advice by an appropriately qualified career adviser who meets the Professional Standards for Australian Career Development Practitioners.

Career advisers in schools need to be provided with appropriate resources to build and strengthen links with local employers and industry. This relationship provides ongoing learning opportunities that ensures relevant information is gained and enables them to provide accurate and up to date advice, a vital component in increasing the number of young people choosing a VETiS pathway.

The Career Industry Council of Australia looks forward to working with all Governments and other stakeholders in reforming the VETiS framework. The provision of quality career advice is an important piece of the puzzle in the new framework. It is key to lifting the status of Vocational Education and Training in Schools that in turn contributes to lifting the percentage of young people choosing trades and training as first class career pathways.

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