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| Higher Education and Skills Group**Participation Branch Memo****Department of Education and Training** |

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| All Learn Local organisations  | Adult Education Institutions | ACFE Regional Councils |
| Learn Local stakeholders  | LLENs*Chairs and Executive Officers* | Workplace Learning Coordinators |

**FROM:** Bronwen Heathfield, Director, Participation Branch

**DATE:** 22/07/2015

**SUBJECT:** *VET Funding Review – Phase Two: Community and Sector Consultations*

**FOR INFORMATION / CRITICAL DATES:**

* Community Consultations datesfor theVET Funding Review have been released at[www.vetfundingreview.vic.gov.au](http://www.vetfundingreview.vic.gov.au/)/#phasetwo.
* The first consultation is scheduled for this **Friday, 24 July 2015, 9.30am - 10.30am** **in Mildura**

**VET FUNDING REVIEW – CONSULTATIONS**

**Community Consultations**

Following on from the release of the VET Funding Review Issues Paper, the review team has arranged for community consultation sessions with stakeholders including: public and private providers, community providers, parents, students, community members and other interested parties.

Consultation sessions will be held in metropolitan and non-metropolitan areas across Victoria.

Sessions are as follows:

**Mildura** (SuniTAFE, SuniTASTE restaurant, 453 Benetook Avenue, Friday 24 July 2015, 9.30- 10.30am)

**Swan Hill** (Swan Hill Information Centre, Cnr McCrae & Curlewis St, Friday 24th July 2015 at 2.30- 3.30pm)

**Wodonga** (Wodonga TAFE TAFEspace, 158 Lawrence St (CNR Havelock St), Monday 27 July 2015, 2- 3pm)

**Shepparton**(North Shepparton Community Centre, 10-14 Parkside Drive, Tuesday, 28 July 2015, 10.30- 11.30am)

**Latrobe Valley/ Gippsland** (Old Shire Hall 72 Queen Street, Warragul, Tuesday 28 July 2015, 12- 1PM)

**Bendigo** (Venue TBC, 28/07/15, 2- 3pm)

**Ballarat** (Federation University, Seminar Theatre, Ballarat Technology Park Central- Fed University, 106- 110 Lydiard St South, Wednesday 29 July 2015, 11.30am- 12.30pm)

**Geelong** (Venue TBC, Wednesday 29 July 2015, 4- 5pm)

**Warrnambool** (Archie Graham Community Centre, Seniors Meeting Room 118/126 Timor St, Thursday 30 July 2015, 11.30- 12.30pm)

**Melbourne** (Venue & Time TBC)

If you would like to register your attendance at one of the sessions above, please contact the VET Funding Review Team on 03 8537 2791 or via **contact@vetfundingreview.vic.gov.au**

**Sector Consultations**

Targeted sector consultation sessions will also be arranged with stakeholders including industry, peak bodies and associations, employers and industry representatives.

These sessions will focus on the consultation questions ([consultation questions (DOCX 42 kb)](http://vetfundingreview.vic.gov.au/docs/ConsultationQuestions.docx)) outlined in the issues paper, as well as the Government’s priority sectors for economic growth including: medical technology and pharmaceuticals, new energy technology, food and fibre, transport, defence and construction technology, international education and professional services.

If you are aware of an employer or industry representative that may wish to be involved they can contact the VET Funding Review Team on 03 8537 2791 or **contact@vetfundingreview.vic.gov.au**