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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* |  |

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

**DATE:** 10 / 03 / 2015

**SUBJECT:** *Victorian**VET Funding Review – Call for submissions*

**ACTIONS:**

* *Note the recent launch of the VET Funding Review and its forthcoming public consultation events and call for direct submissions from Victorian VET training organisations.*
* *Consider making a submission to the VET Funding Review.*

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The Andrews Government has commenced a comprehensive, independent review of the funding of Victoria’s vocational education and training (VET) system. Learn Local Organisations, Adult Education Institutions, other Victorian training providers and stakeholders, and Learn Local sector stakeholders, are encouraged to make a submission to this important VET Funding Review into the future shape of vocational education and training in Victoria.

**About the *VET Funding Review***

The VET Funding Review is an election commitment directed to providing a sustainable model of government funding for public TAFE Institutes and contracted non-TAFE training providers. The government intends this Review will provide the advice the Government needs to craft a more stable VET system, one which ensures the public investment in training aligns with the goals of the Government’s *Back to Work* plan.

The Review was launched in February 2015 and is led by former Holmesglen TAFE Chief Executive Bruce Mackenzie, with support from deputy reviewer and former VECCI and Jayco Corporation Chief Executive Neil Coulson. Mr Mackenzie and Mr Coulson have already commenced a range of briefings from officials from the Department of Education and Training on the current state of the VET market and VET system.

The Review is next seeking input from Victorian training providers and other stakeholders.

**Public consultation and evidence gathering**

In addition to commissioning relevant independent analysis to inform its work, the Review will also provide opportunities to give people across Victoria to give their views on the VET system’s current strengths, and opportunities to improve its funding and policy settings.

The public consultation will include state-wide face-to-face forums, engagement with leaders in industry and private and public providers, as well as other experts on VET reform.

The Review’s website will regularly detail the consultation process and how the public can make submissions or request meetings with the Review. You are encouraged to visit the Review’s website to watch for opportunities to attend a forthcoming public consultation event: <http://www.vetfundingreview.vic.gov.au> .

**Call for submissions**

The Review has also called for written submissions from interested organisations or individuals. The terms of reference guiding submissions to the Review are on its website. Submissions can address all or some of the terms of reference, and no particular format is required.

Submissions addressing the Review’s terms of reference can be provided to: submissions@vetfundingreview.vic.gov.au,

or to the postal address:

VET Funding Review,
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Level 2, 41 St Andrews Place
East Melbourne Victoria 3002

Submissions **close on 10 April 2015**.

For further information about how you can engage with the Review of VET funding, you can contact: David Robinson, Director, VET Funding Review at contact@vetfundingreview.vic.gov.au.