

RESPONSE 10

Skilling Australia for the Future Discussion Paper

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide input.

The South Gippsland Bass Coast Local Learning & Employment Network Inc. (LLEN) core role (as is other LLENs in Victoria) is the creation and further development of sustainable relationships and partnerships, and brokering of initiatives between local education providers, industry and community, to improve the education, training and employment outcomes of young people. In carrying out this role the LLEN has created strong links with business, education, RTOs, government and community across the Shires of South Gippsland and Bass Coast. In doing so it has gathered considerable strategic intelligence about local skills shortages and needs.

The observation of the LLEN is that this local intelligence is not necessarily reflected in broader skills studies carried out at federal, state and even regional level, and there are considerable differences between each Shire. Hence skills development effort does not necessarily hit the mark or match local needs. The LLEN initiative is currently being reviewed by State Government and whilst the initiative is to continue the role of the LLEN is currently being reviewed. This presents an opportunity for an enhanced and growing role for the LLEN.

Within the context of the above and the drive towards a system that responds to the needs of industry and the economy may I suggest that the LLENs be represented on the proposed strengthened Industry Skills Councils and/or involved closely in the development of the updated environmental scans.

In respect of the other proposals regarding implementation of the policy these in general are supported.

Yours sincerely