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"HISTORIC AGREEMENT" INDUSTRY AND TRAINING PROVIDERS WORKING TOGETHER

Industry Skills Council's (ISC's) signed an historic agreement with the nation's peak training bodies last week to ensure the delivery of high quality training to Australian industry.

"Across the country, industry is concerned about how it can meet its future skills needs. This agreement formalises the links in the chain between training providers and skills councils and the industries they represent." said Sharon Coates, CEO Innovation and Business Skills Australia (Innovation and Business ISC).

ISC's formalised their relationship with the peak training bodies, TAFE Directors Australia (TDA), the Australian Council for Private Education and Training (ACPET) and the Enterprise Registered Training Organisation Forum (ERTOF) as a response to outcomes of the recent high level review of Training Packages.

"We have always recognised the importance of this relationship but this agreement will make the development of Training Packages more strategic and efficient", said Bob Paton, CEO Manufacturing Skills Australia (Manufacturing ISC).

The agreement provides for much closer collaboration between ISCs and training providers in the design, implementation and delivery of training packages to ensure that they reflect the real needs of industry and look beyond today, well into the future.

Barry Peddle, Chair TDA, Julie Moss, National Chair, ACPET and Anthony Tyrrel, representing ERTOF agree that – "It is a great move and it will help us all to work more strategically on the skilling of the Australian workforce".

The agreement is also symbolic of the closer ties between industry and training service and demonstrates the real value that the newly formed Industry Skills Councils are adding to the development of a more globally competitive Australian workforce.

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