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South Australian Skills Commission

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South Australia's Industry Skills Councils launched

Ten new Industry Skills Councils have been established to support the work of the South Australian Skills Commission and provide a mechanism for businesses, peak industry associations, and employee and employer representatives to discuss with government skills and workforce needs.

The formation of the Industry Skills Councils reflect a re-engagement with industry around skills and training and a desire for industry to have a lead role in the development of the skills system and how we train their people.

The councils have been designed to represent both the State's key and whole of economy industry sectors and will ensure that industry has a direct say in how our training system can better support the South Australian economy as a whole.

The two year appointment of the Industry Skills Councils follows an extensive nomination and selection process undertaken by the South Australian Skills Commission.

The Industry Skills Councils will contribute to the work of the South Australian Government by bringing greater industry definition to the key challenges and opportunities including improving VET completions, ensuring we are building the skills pipeline needed and supporting all apprentices and trainees to successfully complete their training.

The South Australian Industry Skills Councils are:

- Agribusiness, Food and Wine/Beverages
- Construction and Mining
- Creative Industries, Arts, Finance, Technology and Business
- Defence and Space Technologies
- Early Educators, Health, Human Services, Sport and Recreation
- Electrotechnology, Energy, Gas, Renewables and Hydrogen
- Manufacturing and Automotive
- Public Safety and Government
- Retail, Tourism, Hospitality and Personal Services
- Transport and Logistics.

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Quotes attributable to Minister for Education, Training and Skills Blair Boyer

Industry Skills Councils are a powerful mechanism for businesses, peak industry associations, and unions to discuss with government the skills and workforce needs right across South Australia. From our \$2.3 billion National Skills Agreement with the Commonwealth to investing in TAFE SA – we are leaving no stone unturned in tackling skills shortages. The Industry Skills Councils will ensure these investments are aligned to key priority areas including defence, early childhood education, clean energy and building and construction, giving South Australian workers the skills they need to participate in projects like the Hunter Class Frigates program, Northern Water and Torrens to Darlington.

Quotes attributable to South Australian Skills Commissioner Cameron Baker

Through the Commission, the Industry Skills Councils provide industry-led input on skills, training, and workforce development in South Australia.

This renewed partnership with industry will ensure that the South Australian skills system is better equipped to respond to industry-specific workforce and skills needs, supporting economic growth across the state.

I am excited to be working in partnership with these Industry Councils and am fortunate to have so many outstanding industry leaders contributing to the Councils. Each member brings immense knowledge and experience within their sector. The strength of these councils will be in bringing their, ideas, and perspectives together to form recommendations and direction for the skills and training system in our State.

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