

Australian Government



Jobs and Skills Australia

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Dear Dr Turner

Inquiry into the Future Made in Australia (Production Tax Credits and Other Measures) Bill 2024 [Provisions]

Jobs and Skills Australia (JSA) welcomes the opportunity to make a submission to the Senate Economic Legislation Committee's Inquiry into the *Future Made in Australia* (*Production Tax Credits and Other Measures*) *Bill 2024* [*Provisions*].

JSA was established in November 2022 as an independent agency responsible for providing advice to the Australian Government to underpin Australia's response to current, emerging and future labour market and workforce skills and training needs. In providing this advice, JSA has a commitment to tripartite engagement and partnerships with government, business, employee representatives (unions) and education and training providers.

JSA is supporting the Department of the Treasury (Treasury) in its development of <u>National</u> <u>Interest Framework Sector Assessment Guidelines</u>, which were published in May 2024. This is particularly focused on data sources and analytical tools to support Treasury's assessments of issues such as whether an industry can leverage Australia's highly skilled workforce, using technological improvements to reduce labour intensity and achieve economies of scale. These data sources and analytical tools are likely to include JSA's assessments of occupational shortages, employment projections, regional industry profiles and VET National Data Asset outcomes, among others.

JSA annual work plan, developed in consultation with our Ministerial Advisory Board, Jobs and Skills Councils, state and territory governments, Commonwealth government agencies and a wide range of other stakeholders (including a public submission process) sets out the key outcomes and priorities for the financial year. Our <u>2024-25 work priorities</u> include, among other:

- developing a forward outlook of workforce and skills needs
- sharing data and insights with Jobs and Skills Councils and partnering on national priorities and relevant projects
- advising on the workforce and skills implications of Australia's national priorities such as the *Future Made in Australia* plan.

JSA is committed to working collaboratively with the relevant Commonwealth government agencies and other stakeholders on the skills and workforce aspect of the *Future Made in Australia* plan leveraging our analytic insights, as it relates to matters which fall within the legislative remit of JSA.

JSA would welcome the opportunity to discuss these matters with the Committee.

Yours sincerely



Professor Barney Glover Commissioner 20 December 2024