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Submission regarding the *National Vocational Education and Training Regulator (Data Streamlining) Amendment Bill 2023*

The Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) welcomes the opportunity to make a submission to the Committee regarding the *National Vocational Education and Training Regulator (Data Streamlining) Amendment Bill 2023* (the Bill).

ASQA is the National Regulator for Australia's vocational education and training (VET). ASQA is responsible for regulation of approximately 90% of Australia's registered training organisations (RTOs).

Management and use of data and data methods is a key input to our regulatory operations. We apply risk-based and data-driven approaches to allocate regulatory effort, manage risks proportionately and minimise regulatory burden. ASQA has consistently identified and supported the need for more timely and consistent provision of data in relation to the operation and outcomes of the sector as a high priority.

ASQA is supportive of the Bill.

Proposed changes to enable skills ministers to delegate responsibility for changes to the *Data Provision Requirements Instrument (DPRs)*, including to the new VET Information Standard which will support improved responsiveness to the needs of the sector whilst maintaining strong governance.

The Bill also authorises ASQA to grant exemptions to RTOs against their obligations in the DPRs. This change provides clearer legal authority for the current policy that is well-defined and understood by the sector.

ASQA continues to work collaboratively with DEWR to ensure changes promote responsiveness to sector needs and align with objectives of data transparency.

ASQA is open to further discussion and questions on the Bill if the Committee requires any additional information from the regulator.

Regards

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