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Dr Shona Batge
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Dear Dr Batge

Senate Inquiry into Industry Skills Councils

Innovation and Business Skills Australia (IBSA) is the national Industry Skills Council covering the Business Services, Cultural and Related Services, Financial Services, Education, Information and Communications and Printing and Graphic Arts industries.

I hold the position of Deputy General Manager with Skills Tasmania – Tasmania's State Training Authority – and am appointed to IBSA's Education industry sector advisory committee (SAC) as a member with knowledge of issues affecting state and territory training authorities. I chair the Education SAC.

I am also a member, representing states and territories, of the training system's National Quality Council (NQC), which has responsibility, among other things, for the endorsement of National Training Packages.

In each of these roles I have opportunity to observe and reflect on the effectiveness of IBSA's work in developing Training Packages and providing advice on industry needs and priorities through the Escan process. In my view, IBSA conducts its work effectively and in a manner that strongly supports the operation of the National Skills System for the industries for which it has coverage.

Innovation and Business Skills Australia, through its coverage of the Education industry, also has responsibility for the development and maintenance of the mandatory qualification for those working in training/assessment roles in registered training organisations – the Certificate IV in Training and Assessment. This qualification has high impact within the training system and its development and periodic review has been undertaken in a consultative and effective manner.

The consultative and inclusive approach used by IBSA has contributed to achievement of its objectives and to the high regard in which it is widely held as an Industry Skills Council.

Yours sincerely

Mike Brough
Chair, IBSA Education Sector Advisory Committee