



1 September 2010

Committee Secretary
Senate Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Committee
P O Box 6100
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Inquiry into Industry Skills Councils

I write to follow up earlier correspondence with the Senate Education Employment and Workplace Relations Committee (dated 23 July 2010).

In that letter the CITB, in its capacity as the nominated SA Construction Industry Skills Board wrote expressing concern about perceived lack of formal engagement with the Construction and Property Services Industry Skills Council (CPSISC).

A similar letter was provided by the IAB Network for consideration of the Board of the CPSISC at their meeting of 23 August.

I am pleased to advise that as a result of subsequent discussion and representation to the Board of the CPSISC, a satisfactory resolution of our concerns has been achieved.

To accommodate the network's original objective of achieving representation on the Board, network members acknowledged that changes to the Constitution of the CPSISC would be required. The Constitution of the CPSISC prescribes that the Board is comprised of representatives of 'National organisations'. The construction IAB network is not a constituted as an entity in its own right; rather the network exists as an informal affiliation.

Recognising that this implies administrative complexity that would likely present an impediment to progress, members of the network agreed that membership of the Councils Construction Advisory Committee (CIAC) would be a satisfactory arrangement in order to alleviate their collective concerns.

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This position was put to the Board at their meeting of 23 August 2010. Following an address to the Board by two representatives of the network, the Board of the CPSISC agreed that a nominated network representative is to be offered a position on the CIAC.

Network members regard this outcome as satisfactory.

Yours sincerely

Mary Marsland Presiding Member

Cc Mr Lindsay Fraser Chairman Construction and Property Services Industry Skills Council