



WAVE January Newsletter 2019

Welcome to WAVE networking, events and advocacy 2019. We would love you to join with us in promoting and supporting women and girls in VET and adult education, especially as this is an election year.

WOMENSWAVE 2019

The global women's marches are taking place again this January. This is important in this Federal election year. Here is information about the Sydney march on 20 January 2019.



We'd love you to join this Sunday's #WOMENSWAVE march in Sydney.

2019 is a significant year for women's rights. We should be holding all political parties to account to deliver significant reforms for women's equality in 2019's election season.

- 69 women were killed by intimate partner violence in Australia over the past 12 months.
- The #WOMENSWAVE march will focus on ending violence against women and girls.

When: Sunday 20th January, 11:30am

Where: Hyde Park South – reflection pool

The rally commences at 11:30am and the **Women's Wave** march will move off and end at Belmore Park in Darling Harbour by 1:00pm. There will be a fair and entertainment in Belmore Park.

Review of Vocational Education and Training

The Federal Government is conducting a review of vocational education and training to be led by Steven Joyce, the former New Zealand Minister for Tertiary Education, Skills and Employment. Submissions are invited and are due by **25 January 2019**.

The Terms of Reference for the Review are:

1. The Review will have regard to VET funding, policy and regulatory settings and how they can be optimised to support both school leavers and workers to maximise the achievement of relevant skills and employment outcomes from the VET sector.
2. It will examine skills shortages in VET-related occupations, in particular any tension between VET outcomes and the needs of industries and employers, and what might be done to better align these.
3. It will consider expected changes in future work patterns and the impact of new technologies and how the VET sector can prepare Australians for those changes and the opportunities they will bring.
4. The Review may consider the flexibility of qualification structures, particularly for mid-career workers, and for industries seeking rapid deployment of new skills.
5. The Review may have regard to community perceptions of the effectiveness of the VET sector and the accessibility and utility of information about VET options and outcomes, both for employers and students, including information linking training options to employment outcomes.
6. It may review whether additional support is needed for vulnerable cohorts, including those currently unemployed and at risk of unemployment, or those with low literacy and numeracy skills.
7. The Review may seek out case studies of best practice in VET, and consider whether specific trials should be undertaken to test innovative approaches likely to deliver better outcomes.
8. The Review should have regard to the scope and outcomes from any previous or forthcoming reviews, consultation to date, and inputs made by industry and peak groups.

If you would like to contribute to WAVE's submission, send comments/suggestions to lindasimon2@bigpond.com

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