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Dear Dr Holland

Inquiry into the National Vocational Education and Training Bills 2010

Thank you for your correspondence of 14 February 2011 inviting IBSA to make a submission relating to the National Vocational Education and Training Regulator Bills currently before the Senate.

IBSA strongly supports the establishment of a National Vocational and Training Regulator (NVR) which will provide certainty and consistency across states and territories. This is most important for both industry generally and Registered Training Organisations. A single regulator, with legislated authority, would seem to be the most appropriate model to ensure that the standards, contained within the Australian Quality Training Framework, which underpin the national training system, are applied consistently to ensure high quality training and assessment services from providers across Australia.

This will provide industry with an assurance that training undertaken and qualifications issued by providers are consistent across all jurisdictions and of a high quality. The reputation of the vocational training and education system rests on both the reality and perception of a well regulated system.

While acknowledging that the NVR is but one part of a complex national system, its importance cannot be underestimated in further developing a system that provides high quality training and assessment. IBSA sees the commitment to a single tertiary regulator in 2013 as part of strengthening Australia's activity and reputation in this area.

Yours sincerely

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