## 30 August 2002

The Secretary
Senate Employment, Workplace Relations and
Education References Committee
Suite S1.61, Parliament House
CANBERRA MC 2600

## Dear Sir/Madam

The Australian National Training Authority is pleased have the opportunity to make a submission to the Senate Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee Inquiry into Small Business Employment Matters.

The Inquiry comes at a time when there is significant activity within ANTA on investigating the delivery of vocational education and training to small business with a view to developing further strategies.

Our research reveals that whilst there is a high level of utilisation of the VET system within small business for the purposes of initial training, there are both cultural and economic factors that impede small business owners making on-going use of training as a business tool.

We would welcome the opportunity to elaborate on these issues. Please contact Margo Couldrey on (07) 3246 2477 to discuss this or any other matters relating to the submission.

Yours sincerely

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