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The administration of the national training system continues to undergo significant change. While the management responsibilities of ANTA are now being undertaken by the Department of Education, Science & Training the commitment to be responsive to the clients of the VET system, through stakeholder consultation, continues to be a priority.

It is important for ongoing and appropriate skills development that students, employers and other end-users of the system continue to have opportunities to identify and comment on the key issues.

The establishment of the Client and Student Voice Action Group has allowed the development of structures and processes to effectively connect with special needs students – those with a disability, those with indigenous backgrounds, and those identified as facing barriers due to general equity issues.

There are a number of already identified client groups that the Action Group, through the General Equity sub-group, seeks to engage with. These include, but are not limited to, NESB, older workers, women, as well as those who are disadvantaged due to geographic or socio-economic pressures.

The attached document is a starting point to ongoing consultation. Initially the General Equity sub group seeks your comment on the issues raised in the paper. This will be followed by a number of targeted stakeholder forums during March.

While there is a limited time for this initial consultation, you will appreciate that there is a desire to not lose momentum and to ensure that current issues can be addressed.

I strongly urge you to consider and respond to the issues raised by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February so that your interests are appropriately represented in the recommendations made to the Ministerial Council.

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