

Special Edition

New National Client and Student Advisory Arrangements – have your say

The Australian, State and Territory governments are committed to engaging and considering the views of *all* clients and students, particularly disadvantaged clients, in training planning and delivery. To this end, the Client and Student Voice Action Group is leading the development of national client advisory arrangements for the new national training system.

Last week, the Client and Student Voice Action Group released three consultation papers seeking stakeholders views on the best mechanisms to support ongoing high level advice on the needs of:

- all clients and students;
- people with a disability; and
- Indigenous Australians.

Feedback on the possible role, scope of activity and operation of advisory arrangements is sought from all stakeholders - including students, parents, carers, Elders, advocacy and community groups, training organisations, teachers, employers, government agencies, industry and researchers.

Written submissions are due by close of business on 17 February 2006.

In late February and early March, targeted stakeholders will be invited to participate in consultation forums to further discuss, develop and refine ideas proposed in submissions. It is anticipated that a total of five forums will be held in Western Australia, Northern Territory, far-north Queensland, New South Wales and South Australia.

To maintain the momentum in improving training and employment outcomes, the Action Group is working quickly and collaboratively to put new national advisory arrangements in place by June 2006.

To download the consultation papers, visit

http://www.dest.gov.au/sectors/training_skills/policy_issues_reviews/key_issues/nts/action/csvag.htm