Inquiry conduct and participants

This paper describes the stakeholder consultation process undertaken for the Inquiry and lists the organisations and individuals who have participated.

### Inquiry terms of reference

The terms of reference for the inquiry was received from the Treasurer on 7 February 2022 and is viewable on the inquiry website. The inquiry was advertised in *The Australian* on the14 February 2022

### Engagement with inquiry participants

The Commission released a call for submissions and comments paper on 21 February 2022. In response, 74 submissions and 2 brief comments were received and are viewable on the inquiry website. An update on the inquiry progress was released on 7 April 2022.

Throughout the course of the inquiry to date, we have had separate discussions with businesses, business groups, government agencies, academics and other individuals.

### What next?

You are invited to examine this interim report – and forthcoming focus area interim reports for this inquiry — and comment on them by written submission to the Productivity Commission, preferably in electronic format, by 21 October 2022.

### Public hearing dates and venues

Dates and venues will be listed on the inquiry website once confirmed.

Throughout the coming months, the Commission will release a number of focus area interim reports, hold further discussions with participants (including public hearings), and review additional submissions received before preparing the inquiry final report. The final report will be forwarded to the Government in February 2023.

Table 0.1 – Submissions received

| **Participants** | Submission no. |
| --- | --- |
| AIA Australia | 30 |
| Animal Medicines Australia | 39 |
| Ausfilm | 48 |
| Australasian Railway Association (ARA) | 65 |
| Australian Academy of Technology & Engineering (ATSE) | 8 |
| Australian Automobile Association (AAA) | 6 |
| Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ACCI) | 47 |
| Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care (ACSQHC) | 9 |
| Australian Competition & Consumer Commission (ACCC) | 72 |
| Australian Constructors Association (ACA) | 73 |
| Australian Education Union Federal Office | 21 |
| Australian Healthcare and Hospitals Association (AHHA) | 27 |
| Australian HR Institute (AHRI) | 54 |
| Australian Industry Group (AiGroup) | 43 |
| Australian Institute of Company Directors | 44 |
| Australian Investment Council (AIC) | 63, 71 |
| Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) | 61 |
| Australian Small Business and Family Enterprise Ombudsman (ASBFEO) | 64 |
| Australians for Northern Development & Economic Vision (ANDEV) | 3 |
| Ben Blackburn Racing | 74 |
| Beyond Blue | 15 |
| Black Dog Institute | 24 |
| Bupa | 69 |
| Business Council of Australia (BCA) | 16 |
| Business Excellence Australia | 32 |
| Centre for Independent Studies | 42 |
| Chemistry Australia Ltd | 35 |
| Christopher O’Donnell, Professor | 40 |
| Civic Contractors Federation | 38 |
| Commercial Radio Australia | 12 |
| Complementary Medicines Australia & The NICM Health Research Institute – Joint | 29 |
| Consult Australia | 28 |
| Consumer Policy Research Centre (CPRC) | 19 |
| Customer Owned Banking Association (COBA) | 62 |
| Digital Service Providers Australia New Zealand (DSPANZ) | 18 |
| Early Learning and Care Council Australia; The Front Project and Australian Childcare Alliance – Joint | 34 |
| Financial Services Council (FSC) | 53 |
| Financial Services Institute of Australasia (FINSIA) | 68 |
| gemaker | 13 |
| Geoffrey Taperell | 5 |
| Global Sisters Limited | 46 |
| Graham Bary | 11 |
| Grattan Institute | 37 |
| GSK Australia | 14 |
| Infrastructure Victoria | 10 |
| Insurance Council of Australia (ICA) | 59 |
| IPA-Deakin SME Research Centre (IDSRC) | 31 |
| Jenny Gordon, Dr | 17 |
| John Dahlsen | 1 |
| KPMG | 60 |
| Local Government Elected Members Association Inc. (LGEMA) | 4 |
| Master Builders Association (MBA) | 58 |
| Minerals Council of Australia (MCA) | 55 |
| National Tertiary Education Union (NTEU) | 36 |
| Primary Focus | 56 |
| Property Council of Australia | 49 |
| Queensland Nurses & Midwives Union | 41 |
| Roads Australia | 25 |
| Shopping Centre Council of Australia | 45 |
| Tabcorp | 57 |
| Tasmanian Small Business Council (TSBC) | 20 |
| Technology Council Australia | 51 |
| TechnologyOne | 66 |
| Tenfold Australia | 23 |
| The Chamber of Minerals & Energy of Western Australia (CMEWA) | 52 |
| The Honourable Reg Hamilton | 50 |
| The Medical Technology Association of Australia (MTAA) | 33 |
| The Pharmacy Guild of Australia | 67 |
| The Smith Family | 26 |
| The Citizen's Dividend Organisation | 2 |
| Universities Australia | 70 |
| Volunteering Australia | 22 |
| William Merrilees | 7 |

Table 0.2 – Consultations

| **Participants** |
| --- |
| ACT Government, Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate |
| Alastair Hick |
| American Chamber of Commerce In Australia |
| Australian Constructors Association (ACA) |
| Associate Professor Tim Higgins, The Australian National University |
| Associate Professor Wayne Geerling, Monash University |
| Atlassian |
| AusIndustry |
| Australian Banking Association |
| Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) |
| Australian Council of Education Research (ACER) |
| Australian Digital and Telecommunications Industry Association (ADTIA) |
| Australian Education Research Organisation (AERO) |
| Australian Education Union |
| Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) |
| Australian Healthcare and Hospitals Association (AHHA) |
| Australian Human Resources Institute (AHRI) |
| Australian Information Industry Association (AII) |
| Australian Institute of Teaching and School Leadership |
| Australian Investment Council (AIC) |
| Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) |
| Australian Retailers Association (ARA) |
| Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) |
| Australian Small Business and Family Enterprise Ombudsman (ASBFEO) |
| Australian Taxation Office (ATO) |
| Australian Technology Network of Universities (ATN) |
| Australian Tutoring Association |
| Bao Hoang |
| Business Council of Australia (BCA) |
| Calix |
| Canberra Goulburn Catholic Education Office |
| CarbonAbility |
| Dr Char-lee McLennan, QUT Business School |
| Charles Cornish, Tabula Rasa Health Care |
| Cicada Innovations |
| Claire Field & Associates |
| Climate Risk |
| Committee for Economic Development of Australia (CEDA) |
| Commonwealth Bank of Australia |
| Community Colleges Australia (CCA) |
| Consult Australia |
| Cooperative Research Centre (CRC) |
| Council of Small Business Organisations Australia (COSBOA) |
| CSIRO Data 61 |
| Curtin Research Centre |
| Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment |
| Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) |
| Department of Education, Skills and Employment (DESE) |
| Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) |
| Department of Home Affairs |
| Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources (DISER) |
| Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) |
| Department of The Treasury |
| E61 Institute |
| Emeritus Professor Bruce Chapman AO, The Australian National University |
| Equinix |
| Education Services Australia |
| Evidence for Learning, Social Ventures Australia |
| Fair Work Commission |
| Finity |
| Gemaker |
| Grattan Institute |
| Group of Eight (Go8) |
| Higher Education Research Group |
| Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal NSW (IPART) |
| Infrastructure Australia |
| Innovative Research University (IRU) |
| Interactive Games and Entertainment Association (IGEA) |
| IP Group Australia |
| John Howard, Howard Partners |
| Knowledge Commercialisation Australasia (KCA) |
| Learning First |
| Martin Bean CBE |
| Melbourne Accelerator Program` |
| Microsoft |
| National Australia Bank |
| National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER) |
| National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) |
| National Indigenous Australian Agency (NIAA) |
| National Skills Commission (NSC) |
| National Tertiary Education Union (NTEU) |
| New South Wales Centre for Economic and Regional Development |
| New South Wales Department of Education |
| New South Wales Department of Premier & Cabinet |
| New South Wales Treasury |
| NT Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade |
| NT Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet |
| NT Department of Treasury and Finance |
| Office of Industry Innovation and Science Australia |
| Office of the Chief Scientist |
| Professor Andrew Macintosh, ANU College of Law |
| Professor Andrew Norton, Practice of Higher Education Policy, Centre for Social Research and Method, Australian National University |
| Professor Beth Webster, Centre for Transformative Innovation, Swinburne University of Technology |
| Professor Hugh Harley, School of Economics, University of Sydney |
| Professor Peter Dawkins, Mitchell Institute for Education and Health Policy, Victoria University |
| Professor Richard Holden, UNSW Business School |
| Professor Stephen Parker, Centre for the Study of Higher Education, University of Melbourne |
| Professors Alistair Royse and Colin Royse, Ultrasound Education Group, University of Melbourne |
| Professors Michael Ward and Russell Smyth, Monash University |
| Queensland Department of Education |
| Queensland Department of Premier and Cabinet |
| Queensland Treasury |
| Regional Universities Network (RUN) |
| Reputex |
| Reserve Bank of Australia |
| Restaurant & Catering Australia (R&CA) |
| Roller |
| South Australia Department of Education |
| South Australia Department of Premier and Cabinet |
| South Australia Department of Treasury |
| South Australia Productivity Commission |
| Sarah Pilcher, Centre for Education and Training, Ai Group |
| SpeeDX |
| TAFE Directors Australia (TDA) |
| Tasmanian Department of Education |
| Tasmanian Department of Premier and Cabinet |
| Tasmanian Department of State Growth |
| Tasmanian Department of Treasury and Finance |
| Teach for Australia |
| Tech Council of Australia |
| Tech Policy Design Centre, Australian National University |
| Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA) |
| The Hon. Fiona Nash, Regional Education Commissioner |
| The Smith Family |
| Universities Australia (UA) |
| Victorian Department of Education |
| Victorian Treasury |
| Western Australia Department of Education |
| Western Australia Department of Premier & Cabinet |
| Western Australia Department of Treasury |
| World Economic Forum (WEF) |
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