



National Careers Institute **Advisory Board** Communiqué

The National Careers Institute (NCI) Advisory Board (the Board) meeting was held virtually on Friday 7 June 2024. At the meeting:

- The Board discussed items from the NCI Executive Director update, including work underway on the whole of Government response to the House of Representatives Inquiry into the Perceptions and Status of Vocational Education and Training (VET).
- The Board was briefed on key themes from the Universities Accord; the House of Representatives Inquiry; and the Employment White paper. The Board discussed the future role of the NCI in light of the career recommendations in these reports.
- The Board was briefed on budget outcomes and next steps for the NCI. The Board discussed the NCI's role in providing trusted careers information to individuals and influencers, in lifting career aspirations and building parity of esteem between Vocational Education and Training (VET) and higher education.
- Board members agreed careers information is best targeted at individuals and career influencers, noting the implications for communications including the role of social media in normalising career choices among gender-skewed occupations.
- The Board discussed examples of effective mechanisms to increase uptake of tertiary level qualifications – communicating that tertiary education is distinct from school education and reflecting on dual-sector and innovative initiatives such as Institutes of Applied Technology which have resulted in VET, higher education and industry working together to help people upskill for a job of the future.