

Meeting of the Jobs and Skills Councils (JSC) CEO Network Forum 4 March 2025

The JSC CEO Network Forum (the Forum) met in Canberra on Tuesday, 4 March 2025.

JSCs are key drivers of the government's commitments to deliver a collaborative, tripartite vocational education and training (VET) system, bringing together employers, unions and governments to address skills shortages and broader workforce challenges.

The key focus of this meeting was a strategic focus on JSCs' collective and collaborative response to significant reform initiatives including qualification reform and the VET Workforce Project.

Collaboration with Jobs and Skills Australia (JSA)

The CEOs heard from JSA Executive Director, David Turvey, who was joined by JSA Deputy Commissioner Megan Lilly.

Mr Turvey discussed the development of JSA's 2025-26 workplan and the value of JSC input on key focus areas.

The group discussed opportunities to ensure alignment for both JSA and JSCs to support effective workforce planning.

Mr Turvey also provided progress updates on several key JSA projects including the Generative Artificial Intelligence Capacity Study, the International Students Pathways and Outcomes Study, the Foundation Skills Study, Regional, Rural and Remote Australia – a Jobs and Skills Roadmap, and the Gender Economic Equality Study.

Other sessions

Other sessions included a discussion with Saxon Rice, CEO, Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA), about opportunities to strengthen collaborative ties with JSCs during training package design.

John King, Managing Director, National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER), also joined the forum and shared examples from recent collaborations with JSCs on VET pathway and occupation analyses to address evidence gaps and support workforce planning. Additionally, he presented on activities underway to measure success in VET.

The next meeting of the JSC CEO Network Forum will take place in June 2025.

In attendance:

Brett Schimming, Building, Construction, Property and Water (BuildSkills Australia) and Co-Chair

Anthea Middleton, Energy Gas and Renewables (Powering Skills Organisation)

Emma King, Aged and Disability, Children's Education and Care, Health, Human Services, Sport and Recreation (HumanAbility)

Gavin Lind, Mining and Automotive (Mining and Automotive Skills Alliance)

Jean Dyzel, Public Safety and Government (Public Skills Australia)

Michael Hartman, Agribusiness, Fibre, Furnishing, Food, Animal and Environment Care (Skills Insight)

Natalie Turmine, Arts, Personal Services, Retail, Tourism and Hospitality (Service and Creative Skills Australia)

Patrick Kidd, Finance, Technology and Business (Future Skills Organisation)

Paul Walsh, Transport and Logistics (Industry Skills Australia)

Sharon Robertson, Manufacturing (Manufacturing Industry Skills Alliance)