

## **Statement of Australian Government priorities Mining and Automotive Skills Alliance**

This Statement sets out the Australian Government's priorities for **Mining and Automotive Skills Alliance**.

### **Government policy priorities and objectives for all JSCs**

We expect your organisation to be actively involved in:

- addressing Australia's productivity challenges, including undertaking activity that supports building a skilled, adaptable and inclusive workforce
- working with my department, First Nations peoples, industry (employers and unions) and other JSCs to progress the priority reforms under the Closing the Gap National Agreement
- addressing system inclusivity in gender-segregated industries including by examining education and training pathway choices, and how these intersect with the gender make-up of occupations and industries
- using strategic workforce planning and strong stakeholder engagement to continue building a shared, evidence-based view of the challenges and opportunities for your industries and across JSCs
- reflecting the possible impacts of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and broader digital transformation in workforce planning analysis, particularly emerging and changing skills needs within your industry sectors, and incorporating data, digital and AI learning outcomes into the design and review of qualifications and training products
- ensuring all updates to training products embed Qualification Reform principles to deliver streamlined, relevant, and future-ready qualifications. This includes reducing duplication, aligning with current and emerging workforce needs across jurisdictions, and responding proactively to industry and learner expectations.

### **Government policy priorities and objectives for Mining and Automotive Skills Alliance**

We acknowledge that Mining and Automotive Skills Alliance has a significant program of work underway in support of the mining and automotive sectors.

Recognising your existing workplan and government priorities as they relate to your industries, we expect Mining and Automotive Skills Alliance to also:

- build an understanding of the opportunities for a skilled workforce in the future mining and automotive industries in Australia, including advances in technology, automation and artificial intelligence balanced with industry perspectives and needs
- support and contribute to National Priorities of the Australian Government strategies for critical minerals, Future Made in Australia, hydrogen, electric vehicles, batteries, and net zero goals
- implement initiatives supporting the new skills focused degree level qualification (Australian Qualifications Framework Level 7) for the vocational education and training sector.

**Partnering for success**

Success of the JSC Program depends on your organisation working in close partnership with your industries, employers, unions and other stakeholder groups, my department and other government agencies. This includes establishing and strengthening formal partnerships with First Nations peoples, enabling shared decision-making, and supporting projects that empower Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to determine and drive their own economic development. Our department will support your efforts to bring together industry (employers and unions) and government to shape and drive workforce solutions across the economy, including by providing information and fostering connections across government.