

## National Careers Institute **Advisory Board** Communiqué

The National Careers Institute (NCI) Advisory Board (the Board) meeting was held on Thursday, 22 February 2024. At the meeting:

- The Board was briefed by the NCI Executive Director on work underway in the NCI including the steady increase in Your Career website traffic and work on improving user experience and using website metrics to capture user satisfaction.
- The Board was briefed on the outcomes of the December 2023 consultation on clean energy careers information and next steps, noting NCI's current work with Employment Facilitators. The Board agreed that clean energy careers information needs to reach primary school aged children and discussed potential ways to reach this group and other cohorts of the community. Gender stereotypes were noted as a barrier to workforce participation.
- The Board was briefed on the role and functions of Jobs and Skills Councils (JSC). The CEO of [HumanAbility](#), the JSC responsible for the care and support sector, provided an overview of the work of the JSC and options for collaborating with the NCI including the VET (Vocational Education and Training) Alumni program. The Board discussed the disparity in flexible working options between industries and the relative "value" of careers in different industries and noted the value of JSCs working collaboratively with NCI to map service offerings and developing JSC workforce plans.
- Information about Your Career (YC) digital platform was presented noting the NCI is looking to redefine the key performance indicators. Board members were invited to provide suggestions regarding the proposed Key Performance Indicators and opportunities to expand the website to integrate additional information and services.
- The Board Chair outlined the intention to measure the impact of the Advisory Board in the future, and opened a discussion on increasing impact, reflections, and how to measure impact moving forward.
  - Board members discussed the structure of meetings, and the balance of topics, suggesting the Board could have a more fulsome impact on some topics. Those topics were discussed across multiple meetings.

The NCI Advisory Board is next scheduled to meet in May 2024.