



# Media Release

From: Adult and Community Education Victoria, (ACEVic) the peak organisation for Adult and Community Education providers in Victoria.

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The Adult Community Education sector has been called the “Cinderella” of the education system by two Senate enquiries.

The announcement last Monday of the Victorian Government’s Skilling Jobs for Our Future reforms to the training system, goes a long way towards inviting the Cinderella sector along to the ball.

ACEVic Executive Officer Sally Thompson said, “We welcome the increased funding for delivery which brings us parity with private Registered Training Organisations. We also welcome the \$11 million package of initiatives to support ACE providers to continue their delivery to the hardest to reach Victorian learners.”

Victoria’s Adult and Community Education centres provide 20% of vocational education and training courses in Victoria, aimed at the most disadvantaged Victorians, yet they have previously been funded at a rate significantly lower than either TAFE or Private Providers, and have not had a CPI funding increase for four years, despite all three groups operating under the same quality framework.

A learner in an Adult Community Education centre is less likely to have achieved year 10 or its equivalent than a learner in TAFE or private Registered Training Organisations, is more likely to be Koori, and almost twice as likely to have a disability. ACE providers are also the main VET providers in many regional and remote communities. (2004 AVETMISS data, NCVER)

“Local Adult and Community Education Centres welcome all Victorians and are a particularly appealing choice for disadvantaged adults at the beginning of their learning journey”, Ms Thompson says.

“We are pleased that our role in the broader Victorian education and training sector is being recognized in this package”.

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