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Peak training body disappointed by repeal of Training Assets Authority

The Australian Council for Private Education and Training (ACPET) said today it was disappointed that the Queensland Training Assets Management Authority (QTAMA) would be abolished, and the peak body urged the State Government to move quickly on its proposed 10-year strategic asset plan so that training assets do not become idle.

The Palaszczuk Government has introduced legislation to abolish the QTAMA, which was established to better manage the use of TAFE assets.

ACPET CEO, Rod Camm, said there is a risk that, if QTAMA is abolished, some specialist training facilities will be left under-utilised rather than being put to work training Queensland's current and future workforces.

"We recognise and understand the Queensland Government's commitment to TAFE," Mr Camm said.

"But we also want to work with the Queensland Government to ensure we're making the best use of the State's training assets and that they deliver the greatest benefit to the people of the State."

"If there are TAFE facilities not being used, or being under-utilised, then they should be available for other providers to train more Queenslanders," Mr Camm said.

"Getting the best value from the State's assets doesn't have to involve locking them up or restricting access to them," he said. "It should involve making sure they are fit-for-purpose, fully utilised and targeted to the State's needs."

"ACPET wants to work with the Queensland Government to develop arrangements that ensure the best possible outcome for students, industry and Queensland communities. It's important there is a real plan that caters for the State's future training needs," Mr Camm said,

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