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### **Private providers deliver for students**

Independent figures released today show that private training providers continue to deliver strong employment outcomes for Australia's students.

Australian Council for Private Education and Training (ACPET) CEO Rod Camm said the report released today by the National Centre for Vocational Education Research showed that private providers were an integral and valuable contributor to Australia's vocational education and training (VET) sector.

"This report explodes the myth that all private providers are somehow sub-standard," he said.

"It found that more graduates of private providers (80.9 per cent) were employed after training than TAFE graduates (72.5 per cent).

"The research also showed that a higher proportion of students who undertook training for employment-related reasons chose private providers and graduates of private providers also reported 85 per cent overall satisfaction with the quality of training they received."

Mr Camm said the report was released on the last Parliamentary sitting day that the Government's new VET Student Loans (VSL) program could be passed before the proposed 1 January 2017 start date.

"More than half of Australia's VET students choose to study with private providers and these results demonstrate, again, the strong outcomes that private providers deliver," he said.

"However, the Government has relied upon highly damaging rhetoric about all private providers as a justification for rushing through the deeply flawed VSL," he said.

"VSL completely undermines the ability of private providers to continue to deliver such strong outcomes. It will force the closure of hundreds of private colleges across Australia and throw the study plans of thousands of students into turmoil."

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**Rod Camm is available for interview on 0409 484 051.**