

CDAA Congratulates the Education Council on its Recently Released 'Looking to the Future' Report

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CDAA congratulates the Education Council on its recent [Looking to the Future](#) report, which rightly highlights the need for whole of government policy around education, training, and work transitions.

The Council's report, which has been presented to the COAG Education Council, focusses on enabling young Australians to make effective and informed decisions about their careers.

CDAA Vice President Linda Jeffrey says, "Workers who have developed effective career planning and decision-making skills will form an agile workforce who can meet evolving labour market demands."

Ms Jeffrey said while professional career development practitioners witness the value of their services every day, career advice nationally remains inadequate.

The Education Council has recommended a career guidance ecosystem with reliable and targeted information and resources for students, parents, careers advisers, educators, and employers.

The ecosystem will draw together schools, community career hubs and real-time industry advice with efforts to be coordinated and overseen by the National Careers Institute.

Ms Jeffrey says, "it is self-evident that there is a need for a coordinated approach, with lifelong access to quality, professional career guidance."

"To ensure this guidance is of a high standard, it is essential that career guidance is accorded a higher status both within and outside of the school system.

"Those providing career advice and guidance should always be expected to have Career Industry Council of Australia (CICA) accredited professional qualifications," she said.

Professional career guidance is more important than ever, with the [Productivity Commission releasing research](#) warning that young Australians may face long-term scarring of their careers from COVID-19.

The Career Development Association of Australia (CDAA) commenced as the Australian Association of Career Counsellors in 1989, and is Australia's largest cross-sectoral association of career development professionals working in a diverse range of roles, delivering services in industry, government, education, employment programs and community organisations. The primary purpose of the CDAA is to support its members by leading, building and growing the career development profession.

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