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WESTERN SYDNEY UNIVERSITY

Australian Universities Accord Overview

Aims to deliver a plan for lasting reform that meets the current and future needs of the nation.

Areas for Review

- Includes seven key priorities for review with recommendations to be focused on these themes.
- Terms of Reference, panel members, Discussion Paper and submissions can be viewed here.

Process and Timeline

- 1. Input on Terms of Reference COMPLETE
- 2. Discussion Paper Released 22 February 2023
- 3. Consultation Period 22 February 11 April 2023
- 4. Initial Report Expected July 2023 5. Final Report - December 2023

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- 1. Meeting Australia's Knowledge and Skills Needs
- 2. Access and Opportunity
- Investment and Affordability
 Governance, Accountability and Community
- 5. VET and HE Connections
- 6. Quality and Sustainability
- 7. Delivering New Knowledge, Innovation and Capability

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Key points from our submission (and common themes from other submissions)

- · Longer-term Funding Model
- Increased support to address educational disadvantage
- Research investment in line with OECD average
- Greater recognition for international education and engagement
- · Increased flexibility in workforce
- · Specific JRG reform:
 - fairer distribution of student contributions
 - removal of "50%" rule
- · Educational reform:
 - · Recognise microcredentials to meet skills needs
 - · Increased ability to integrate HE and VET
 - Greater access to work-integrated learning for students



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Accord 'Educational Reform': NSW Digital®

Skills & Workforce Compact 2023-30

- Digital Skills = workforce need
- VET, HE, Schools & Industry partners
- Collaboration
- Microcredentials (at scale)
- · WIL, Traineeships
- 1. What is the opportunity for Western?
- 1. What should the NSW universities contribute?

- Change the way people think about digital careers
- Plug the leaks in training and careers
- 3. Drive diversit in the digital workforce
- 4. Help people move into digital training and jobs
- 5. Make training more responsive to industry needs
- 6. Use Government levers to drive digital job growth

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