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Alternative apprenticeship pilot project to roll out locally

Federal Member for Reid, Craig Laundy said a new industry-led project will help skill and position local job seekers for work as well as trial new ways for industry to deliver apprenticeships.

Craig Laundy said the Turnbull Government had committed \$9.2 million in funding to encourage and test new models of support to help entry level and qualified trades people into the labour market.

“Master Builders Australia (MBA) is one of three organisations to secure \$1.82 million in funding to explore new ways to deliver apprenticeship programs, with their pilot project to include the local Reid area,” Mr Laundy said.

“Australia’s apprenticeship system helps people develop the skills they need to work in professions where employers are crying out for more skilled employees.

“Pilot projects like this will help test and prove up alternative training models on a broader scale providing a wider range of skills development, choice and industry acceptance.

“MBA will operate their pilot in Burwood, Lidcombe, and Strathfield as well as other areas in the state.”

“MBA’s Innovative Arrangements for Apprenticeship and Trade Training Delivery project will complement the current training delivery system through new approaches to pre-apprenticeship programmes, newly developed courses and curriculum and a skills passport which will measure apprentices’ skills against industry determined benchmarks to build confidence in the training system.”

Assistant Minister for Vocational Education and Skills, Karen Andrews MP, vocational education and training (VET) was critical to ensuring Australia had the skilled workforce it needed for economic growth, competitiveness and productivity.

“The government is committed to a high quality VET system that ensures students are trained in skills for real jobs. That means placing employers at the centre of the training system, and making the training system responsive to industry needs.

“Through these new pilot projects, we hope to test and open up alternative training models on a broader scale providing greater skills development, choice and industry acceptance.

Minister Andrews said Master Builders Australia, the National Electrical and Communications Association, and North East Vocational College in Adelaide will each run pilot projects in industry areas including building and construction, electrical and communications.

Applications recently closed for a competitive funding round for two further pilot projects, with the successful applicant to be announced shortly. All pilots will conclude in June 2018 and will be evaluated to assess their potential for adoption more broadly by industry.

More information about the Apprenticeship Training – alternative delivery pilots initiative can be found here: www.education.gov.au and www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au.

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