

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY SKILLS ORGANISATION PILOT

STEERING GROUP MEETING

18 June 2020

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The Digital Technology Skills Organisation (DTSO) Pilot Steering Group met on 18 June, shortly before the Digital Skills Organisation Limited (DSO) was incorporated late on 19 June. This last Steering Group meeting focused on the launch of the DSO, executive hiring and designing a pathway for digital skills innovation in the VET sector.

A systemic approach to innovation

The Steering Group discussed the importance of taking a systems thinking approach to achieve its objectives. Conducting experiments to test ideas, try new things and share the learnings with others in the system will be critical to catalysing innovation.

Launching the Digital Skills Organisation

On 19 June, the Digital Skills Organisation Limited was legally established, representing the next stage for the DSO to deliver on its mission to improve digital skills employment and training across Australia. The DTSO Steering Group (now DSO Board of Directors) is working with the Department in its execution of the Services Agreement.

DSO will announce its goals, pathway of activities with industry and describe how organisations can be involved over the next few months.

Working with technology firms, industries and business communities

DSO is committed to supporting Australian workers and sectors facing economic downturn with highly relevant skills to take advantage of the technological changes being accelerated in the COVID-19 environment. The DSO approach is to work with diverse employers, our technology sector and those in the education and training system to double down on equipping current and future workers with relevant digital skills through a responsive VET system. DSO is particularly focused on supporting Australian workers to jobs and skills in higher demand during the economic recovery, as well as ensuring we take advantage towards a more inclusive workforce as part of the skills agenda.

The first project being explored by the DSO is to work directly with industry to address a specific skills gap. This project will be officially announced in the near future.

Connecting with the National Skills Commission

Yasmin Allen recently met with the interim National Skills Commissioner, Adam Boyton. They discussed the roles of their respective organisations and considered opportunities to bring a unified





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approach to the future of skills reform. The Department of Education, Skills, and Employment (the Department) is helping to explore these options.

