

#### INDUSTRY ADVISORY GROUPS - EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Toowoomba Regional Council is currently seeking Expressions of Interest to join an Industry Advisory Group, as part of the Regional Skills Investment Strategy (RSIS) Project. Expressions of interest are sought from businesses in the following industries:

- Transport and Logistics
- Advanced Manufacturing
- Health and Social Assistance

#### What is the RSIS project?

The Toowoomba Regional Skills Investment Strategy (RSIS) project is an initiative between Toowoomba Regional Council and the Department of Employment, Small Business, and Training to identify current and emerging jobs, and to ensure there is a supply of skilled local people to meet this demand.

The Toowoomba RSIS project will set up an RSIS Network to provide free information and assistance to businesses about training and skills funding and opportunities. Additionally, it will set up Industry Advisory Groups to develop training and funding solutions for local employment and skills needs.

#### Why join an Industry Advisory Group?

The Industry Advisory Groups will be the driving force behind the Toowoomba RSIS project. Advisory Group members will:

- Set vocational skilling and training priorities for the local area and industry.
- Identify demands for vocational skills and where skills shortages may be in future.
- Give recommendations on industry led solutions to fix these issues (such as customised training programs, employment expos, pathway programs, modular accreditation, or articulation to higher education).
- Discuss training industry outcomes, and provide a unified industry front to seek better outcomes from training providers.
- Provide recommendations to customise Queensland Government training funding.
- Build relationships with other innovative and forward-thinking people from the local industry.
- Receive up to date information from RSIS consultation about the workforce and future skills requirements for the region.
- Be the first to benefit from any projects or initiatives developed through the RSIS project.

#### How will I benefit?

We hope members will find many benefits from the Advisory Groups, including:

- Developing solutions to improve the skills and productivity of their existing workers.
- Influencing the availability of industry relevant skills in the local workforce.
- Influencing training quality and outcomes within the region.
- Providing local insight for State Government on funding and training relevant to their industry.
- Gaining further insight into the future of their industry and skills required to adapt to changes.

## What is my commitment?

We recognise the time constraints faced by active members on the business community, so we have designed the Advisory Groups to minimise impacts on your time. The commitment sought from Advisory Group members is:

- Participate in a meeting every 3 months.
- Complete a short questionnaire about your industry 2 weeks prior to these meetings.
- Actively participate in the discussions at the meeting, and contribute your expertise in designing and implementing training solutions or forming business cases.
- Promote the program in your day to day conversations with others from your industry or associated industry sectors.

## Seeking businesses from these industries:



### Advanced Manufacturing (Agricultural Technology & Food Manufacturing)

- Agricultural Technology
- Food Manufacturing
- Meat Processing



### Social Assistance

- NDIS Providers
- Aged Care Providers
- Migrant Services



### Advanced Manufacturing (General Manufacturing)

- Mining and Construction Equipment
- Transport Equipment Manufacturing
- Aviation Manufacturing and Repair
- Construction Materials Manufacturing
- Metal Fabrication
- Electrical and Instrumentation
- Information Technology



### Health Care

- General Practice
- Diagnostic Services
- Allied Health Services
- Hospital Services
- Rural Health Specialists
- Mental Health Services



### Transport and Logistics

- Air Freight
- Rail Freight
- Road Freight
- Bulk Transport
- Perishable Freight
- Warehousing / Distribution
- Warehousing / Distribution – Bulk Goods
- Warehousing / Distribution – Perishable Freight

## Who can be a member of an Industry Advisory Committee:

Members must operate and employ workers in the Toowoomba Local Government Area.

Members will generally be senior managers of the member organisations. High level representation will add authority and influence to the RSIS program and ensure that initiatives are supported by member organisations and associated partners at implementation phase.

Members do not have to be HR or Training managers but should be actively involved in the development of their industry and staff. Members should be forward thinking, across developments in their industry, and have a reasonable understanding of the skills required to adapt to industry changes.

Generally, only one member from each type of business listed will be accepted into the Advisory Group to ensure adequate representation across the industry.

## What's next?

If you are interested in becoming an Industry Advisory Group member or would like more information, please contact Council on:

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