

PAPER:

***JOINING THE DOTS:
MAKING THE CONNECTIONS BETWEEN VET
RESEARCH AND VET PRACTITIONERS***

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Abstract:

For VET research to be confirmed as a quality product, the outcomes must be useful and useable for VET practitioners and decision-makers. Teachers and trainers especially require research information which is practical, readily accessible and relevant to their needs. More importantly, those undertaking research and those funding it need to examine more closely the intrinsic and extrinsic barriers which exist in current dissemination strategies. To make the essential connections between research and practice, researchers need to understand how, and for what purposes practitioners access research. This paper outlines an investigation of the impact of research on a sample of VET practitioners and suggests some alternative approaches and linkages.