An industry-led VET system: lessons for Australia from England and Wales

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Abstract

The United Kingdom is presently in the early stages of rolling-out recommendations from the landmark Leitch Report of 2006. At its heart is a proposed compact between the state and employers over the funding and delivery of continuing vocational training. It represents a radical departure from the past, and should be of significant interest to Australia as a policy experiment. In describing the underlying rationale and design of new flagship programs I conclude that Australia may be industry-led, but remains supply-driven, while England and Wales can be characterised as demand-led and industry-driven. Three other broad lessons are also drawn from this comparative exercise.

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