

# NVEAC

## NATIONAL VET EQUITY ADVISORY COUNCIL

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The National VET Equity Advisory Council (NVEAC) has been established by the Ministerial Council for Tertiary Education and Employment (MCTEE) to provide high level advice to training ministers on equity issues in the national training system.

The NVEAC is a single layer advisory body which will consider the issues and barriers that affect all equity groups. Recognising that many clients in the VET system experience multiple disadvantage, the new Council will identify shared priorities for all equity groups, while continuing to build on the work of the former National VET Advisory Alliance and the three National VET Advisory Taskforces (for Indigenous Australians, people with a disability and equity students.)

The membership of the National VET Equity Advisory Council reflects the diverse range of stakeholders within the sector, including people with a disability, Indigenous Australians, refugees, homeless youth, and people from a non-English speaking background. Practitioners whose role is to work in the education and training sectors with, or on behalf of, disadvantaged learners are also represented on the Council.

The Minister for Education, the Hon Julia Gillard, has appointed Mr Tiga Bayles as the Chair of the Council. Mr Bayles is General Manager of Radio 98.8fm and Triple A Training, a nationally recognised training organisation that delivers training in communications and broadcasting to Indigenous students. He is currently Chairperson of the National Indigenous Radio Service, and is President of the Brisbane Aboriginal and Islander Independent School known as 'the Murri School' which he helped to found and develop. Mr Bayles is also the National Ambassador for the National Indigenous English Literacy and Numeracy Strategy.

The members of the Council are:

- Mr Caspar Cumming (Vic)
- Professor Trevor Gale (SA)
- Mr Gary Kerridge (Vic)
- Dr Greg Lewis (WA)
- Mr Matter Machar (Vic)
- Ms Elizabeth McGregor (NSW)
- Ms Gayle Peak (SA)
- Ms Elizabeth Reid (NT)
- Ms Natalie Walker (NSW)
- Mr Sean Wrigley (WA).

The National VET Equity Advisory Council will meet for the first time on 13 August 2009 in Melbourne.

Further information on the Council can be found at: [www.nveac.tvetaustralia.com.au](http://www.nveac.tvetaustralia.com.au)



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