IMPROVING VET DELIVERY IN THE TERRITORY

Schedule 3.4

Issues

The parties agree the key issues to be addressed are:

• Minimise intra-Territory competition within the VET sector for thin markets. Achieved through CDU formation
• Reduce unnecessary duplication of VET course delivery through rationalisation of teaching, administration and physical resources. Achieved through CDU formation
• Encourage the further development and delivery of VET programs in Schools. Achieved through the appointment of two School Liaison officers in CDU
• The needs of industry are to be met in a responsive, flexible and timely manner. Ongoing
• Give the Northern Territory Government a more significant voice when considering, negotiating and responding to national VET policy development and implementation.
• Exploring and adopting appropriate policy and processes for funding arrangements for VET delivery in the NT

Strategies

The parties agree the strategies they will employ are:

• Develop a strong public VET provider within the Northern Territory that will be competitive both nationally and internationally through the creation of Charles Darwin University. Achieved through the formation of CDU
• Simplify and reduce the costs of the administration of the NT VET network by rationalising systems. Achieved through the formation of CDU
• Develop a Service Level Agreement between NT DEET and VET NT to replace the current Resource Agreement Procedures.
• Package the bulk (90%) of the various existing funding categories into triennial recurrent funding with specified reporting times and standards.
• Negotiate medium term funding commitments with the Northern Territory Government to allow the CDU to respond to Government initiatives (Vice Chancellor, Executive Director Corporate Services and CEO DEET).
• Increase the number of Higher Education places offered in Alice Springs to encourage seamless transition between VET and Higher Education in the region.
• Ensure the CDU is recognised as an AQTF compliant Registered Training Organisation to a level similar to the existing NTU and Centralian College positions.
• Enhance VET leadership at CDU by arranging, work shadowing experiences and other mechanisms (VC and Director VET, Quality & Planning–).
• Courses previously delivered through Government RTOs to the agency clients, where appropriate, customised and delivered by the University in a manner that meets the needs of the agencies.
• Engender auspicing arrangements and arrange industry-standard training between the CDU and NT secondary schools with RTO status.

• Share outcomes of costing exercises being undertaken by CDU and DEET.
• Streamlining contractual arrangements between Charles Darwin University and DEET.
• Continue positive collaboration between CDU and NTG in discussing VET issues through formalised quarterly meetings.
• Develop an ongoing program of professional development for staff in VET delivery, assessment and administration.

Performance Indicators
The parties agree the indicators to be used are:
• Disestablishment of Centralian College and the Northern Territory University as a separate legal entities by July 2003, Achieved
• Increased market share to Territory providers, and Achieved
• Regional and remote service delivery enhanced.

• An increase in number of courses delivered by the University for clients of Government agencies,
• An increase in student enrolments in the VET programs of the University,
• An increase in student based revenue for key programs within the University.
• An increase in the number of staff undertaking professional development in relation to VET delivery, assessment or administration.

• An increase in the clear articulations between Schools VET and Higher Education courses in the NT.
• A decrease in the administrative effort to allocate and monitor funding arrangements and associated reporting in both the NT DEET and the CDU.
• A decrease in the contractual variations between CDU and DEET.