DEVELOP LEADERSHIP IN 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
▪ Reduce unnecessary duplication of VET course delivery through rationalisation of teaching, administration and physical resources
▪ Encourage the further development and delivery of VET programs in Schools.
▪ The needs of industry are to be met in a responsive, flexible and timely manner
▪ Give the Northern Territory Government a more significant voice when considering, negotiating and responding to national VET policy development and implementation
▪ There is some duplication in infrastructure to deliver training courses within both Government and the University

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
▪ Simplify and reduce the costs of the administration of the NT VET network by rationalising systems
▪ 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, PVC Community & Access 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 return-to-government and work shadowing experiences (VC and PVC Community & Access – June 2003 and ongoing)

- Courses previously delivered through Government RTOs, 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

- Negotiate access to NT DEET Learning Centres in regional and remote areas for enhanced delivery (PVC Community & Access and DEET June 2003 and Ongoing).

- Work towards finding a way to ‘set up’ rolling triennial funding for TAFE NT that can be introduced with corresponding annual AVETMISS compliant reporting on outcomes.

- Share outcomes of costing exercises being undertaken by CDU and NTDEET

**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,

- Increased market share to Territory providers, and

- Regional and remote service delivery enhanced.

- A planned reduction in number of government agencies that hold RTO status,

- An increase in number of courses delivered by the University for Government agencies,

- An increase in student enrolments in the VET programs of the University, and

- An increase in student based revenue for key programs within the University.

- An increase in Higher Education enrolments outside of Darwin
- An increase in the clear articulations between 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