

Skills Package co-design workshops

The Australian Government's \$525 million Skills Package, *delivering Skills for Today and Tomorrow* committed funds to establish a **National Skills Commission** and **Skills Organisations**.

Together these initiatives will help modernise and strengthen our skills system by driving research and analysis of national skills needs, raising the profile of VET as a career pathway of choice and giving industry greater ownership of the skills and training system.

The Department of Employment, Skills, Small and Family Business invites you, or a representative from your organisation, to help co-design these key initiatives at the Karratha workshop on 26 November. Places are limited so please [RSVP here](#).

Workshops will be held on the role and purpose of:

- the **National Skills Commission**, which will oversee the Australian Government's investment in VET qualifications and promote a nationwide approach to skills forecasting.
- the **Skills Organisations**, which will give industry more ownership across the national skills pipeline and help improve the national training system for both industry and students.

If you have any questions, please contact codesign@employment.gov.au.



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Building Better Regions Fund—Round 4 OPEN

Deputy Prime Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development, the Hon Michael McCormack MP, today announced the opening of Round 4 of the Building Better Regions Fund (BBRF).

Round 4 is aimed at supporting drought-affected regions by targeting projects that will benefit communities affected by drought. Applications will be ineligible if projects are not located in a drought-affected location, and if satisfactory evidence is not provided to support the applicants claims. The BBRF Guidelines list examples of what evidence can be provided to support claims that projects are located in a drought-affected region.

For more information on grant guidelines and eligibility please visit: www.business.gov.au/bbrf. Closing deadline is **19th December 2019**.

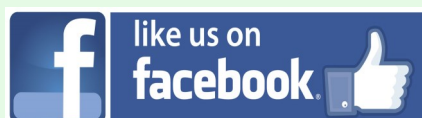
Safer Communities Fund—Round 5 OPEN

Safer Communities Fund – Round 5 – Infrastructure Grants provides schools and pre-schools, places of religious worship, community organisations and local councils with grants of up to \$1 million for crime prevention initiatives aimed at reducing crime, violence, anti-social behaviour and/or other security risks driven by racial and/or religious intolerance.

For more information on grant guidelines and eligibility please visit: <https://www.business.gov.au/Grants-and-Programs/Safer-Communities-Fund-Round-5-Infrastructure-Grants> . Closing deadline is **10th December 2019** at 5.00pm AEDT.

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