



SAFEGUARDING OUR CIT

Protecting public education

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The ACT Greens believe that high-quality and equitable education is a cornerstone of a healthy democracy, and is fundamental to Australia's continued prosperity. Everyone should have equitable access to education that meets their needs and aspirations, and gives them the skills and capacity to make a meaningful contribution to our community, our city, and our country.

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> Our Promise

The ACT Greens will:

- » Safeguard CIT against any threat of privatisation. We commit to maintain CIT as a majority public ownership and to be funded at levels that allow it to meet the VET needs of the ACT community, including for low income courses.
- » Prioritise government VET funding to CIT and ensure it receives the majority of government support.

- » Continue the joint ACT-federal funding agreement for VET that prioritises CIT and identified skills shortages.

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Earlier this year a 'leaked' COAG paper showed a conservative government plan to deregulate TAFEs in a bid to increase competition in the sector. As the Australian Education Union said at the time, it would basically transform TAFEs into private providers which compete for federal funding. After community outcry, the conservative attempt to privatise our TAFEs was taken off the table, however the response from some state and territory Ministers was unsettling.

The Greens are committed to a publicly funded vocational education and training (VET) sector. We understand that a high-quality and accessible VET sector is crucial to Canberra's future and will continue to build a VET sector that offers new skills and re-skilling for future occupations - including the jobs and industries of our clean energy powered future.