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Topic: Steering Group submission on *New models of tertiary education report*

Dear Judy Kavanagh

The Engineering e2e programme's goal is to increase the number of students completing level 6 and 7 engineering qualifications. The Programme is guided by a Steering Group representing key stakeholder groups from the engineering sector including education and employment in a wide range of disciplines.

The Engineering e2e Steering Group has considered the recommendations in the Productivity Commission's recent report *New models of tertiary education* and endorses the following:

- R12.5 The Tertiary Education Commission should change the way it measures completions so that provider performance is not penalised if a student transfers to continue learning at a different provider or moves into work.
- R12.6 Students should be able to mix and match courses from different providers. The funding and regulatory system should not penalise providers for participating in such arrangements.
- R12.9 The Ministry of Education should reform its approach to school-based career education so that school students, from an early age, develop the skills and knowledge to make effective decisions about their study options and career pathways.
- R12.10 Government should consolidate and improve the array of official information sources about study and career options aimed at prospective (and current) tertiary students.

R12.16 Providers should develop or adopt frameworks of standards for tertiary teaching, suitable for New Zealand's tertiary system, for assessing and rewarding the capability and performance of tertiary teachers.

Research conducted by the Engineering e2e programme support the above recommendations and identify three general areas of concern.

1. Inability of students to pursue desired careers due to lack of appropriate school subjects
2. Encouraging collaborations between Universities and ITPs to improve student outcomes
3. Ensuring graduate skills meet industry requirements

If you would like to discuss our submission, please contact the Engineering e2e team (engineeringe2e@tec.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely



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