

Educating New Zealand's future workforce: Technological change and the future of work

Hi

I'm a researcher at MBIE and am making this submission as an individual rather than expressing MBIE's views.

I agree with the thrust of the direction of the paper above, in particular the wide scope in terms of coverage of the entire education system from early childhood to tertiary.

One aspect that I believe could be usefully expanded upon is teacher quality. My understanding of the international empirical evidence is that teacher quality is found to be the key determinant of educational outcomes. It would be good to include a discussion of this evidence and the implications. This might include, for example, a discussion on the labour market for teachers (esp wages) and how this relates to teacher quality. Declining teacher quality is a plausible – although admittedly one of many – explanation for the downward trend in PISA scores etc.

Hope this helps.

Regards

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