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FUTURE MANUFACTURING SKILLS

INTERACT is supporting Manufacturing Skills Queensland (MSQ) in the *Manufacturing Future Workforce Transition Project*, an initiative proudly funded by the Queensland Government through its VET Emerging Industries initiative to build a case-managed approach to training and upskilling.

INTERACT have been engaged to interview a cross-section of 20 manufacturers across the State who have, or are transitioning to, the adoption of new technologies, systems, changes to workforce and training processes.

The project is seeking to understand how leading manufacturers are investing in their current workforce. How they are planning for future workforce needs? Have these strategies been successful? What was the change and impact?

It is also exploring whether the businesses felt they have access to the right skills and training support. If not, how could this be better addressed in the future?

The initiative is already revealing a deep set of insights on changing skill and company needs of the State's manufacturing sector, and project findings will be used to inform MSQ's Annual Training Plan in 2024.





Reviewing VIC course accreditation process

The Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority (VRQA) has engaged INTERACT to review how it can improve course accreditation processes in its role as the state's education and training regulator.

The review is timely in the midst of an expected increased demand in applications for accredited courses (including stemming from Victoria's Clean Economy Workforce Development Strategy), whilst maintaining fidelity to the VRQA's obligation as a course accreditation body.

The review will include a detailed analysis of the current course accreditation business processes, and interviews with key duty holders, related government agencies and other stakeholders. It will conclude and report in February 2024.



INTERACT Policy and Industry Solutions Pty Ltd is a consultancy formed to support collaboration between industry, government, and other bodies to improve public policy and to better understand key economic supply chains.

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Public policy skills

INTERACT Founder and Director Aaron Johnstone has been engaged by The Hatchery to design and deliver a [Delivering Effective Policy](#) Masterclass on 12-13 December.

Drawing on almost 30 years' experience in public policy leadership and advocacy, the interactive Masterclass will explore the landscape and tools of public policy. Click [here](#) for more information.



Industry engagement

Aaron is currently engaged with the following key industry activities:

- Specialist Adviser with the Enterprise Sub-Committee of the **Committee for Brisbane**
- Advisory Board Member for the **Mining Industry Safety and Health Centre** at the UQ Sustainable Minerals Institute
- Proud member of the **Institute of Quarrying Australia (IQA)**
- Industry mentor with the **UQ Humanities and Social Science** industry program.

