



Statement of compatibility with human rights

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Training and Skills Development Amendment Bill 2018

This Bill is compatible with the human rights and freedoms recognised or declared in the international instruments listed in section 3 of the *Human Rights (Parliamentary Scrutiny) Act 2011* (Cth).

Overview of the bill

This Bill ceases the Northern Territory Training Commission's (the Commission's) authority in the legislation which is no longer required, as its functions are being fulfilled by the Department of Trade, Business and Innovation.

The Commission is a statutory body that reports and is directly accountable to the Minister on its functions, and accountabilities provided for under the *Training and Skill Development Act*.

Legislation provides for the Commission to perform the following functions:

- promote vocational education and training (VET) in the Northern Territory
- provide high level strategic advice to the Minister for the effective planning for VET in the Northern Territory
- prepare, approve and submit to the Minister a VET Investment Framework, and
- to prepare, approve and submit to the Minister by the end of October, or another date specified by the Minister, in each year a VET investment plan for the following calendar year.

The Commission's functions are largely being fulfilled by the Department of Trade, Business and Innovation from within existing resources, with some support from the Industry Skills Advisory Council NT. The Commission has remained inactive since establishment without any consequences.

Removal of the Commission will reduce regulatory burden, providing government with greater flexibility and responsiveness in the VET investment decision-making process while further development of the VET Investment Framework is progressed in consultation with stakeholders.

Human rights implications

This Bill does not engage any of the applicable rights or freedoms.

Conclusion

This Bill is compatible with human rights as it does not raise any human rights issues.