

The Hon Steve Whan MP

Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education

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Dear Jack,

I would like to formally acknowledge and sincerely thank you for your outstanding contribution as a member of the Skills and Pathways Advisory Representative Committee (SPARC).

Your active participation in the SPARC consultations and the insightful, invaluable information you provided during the sessions have been instrumental to the success of the committee. Your input has greatly contributed to the department's understanding and approach to skills and pathways development. This has helped ensure our programs effectively meet the needs of young people and support future opportunities for students.

Specifically, your outstanding leadership in chairing meetings and facilitating discussions has been evident in your ability to guide conversations with clarity and purpose. You consistently ensure that all participants feel heard and respected, encouraging diverse viewpoints and effective collaboration. Your skill in keeping meetings focused and productive, and managing time efficiently, demonstrates your high level of competence.

Please be assured that we will continue to seek the views of the students of NSW, including through the appointment of a student representative to our NSW Skills Board, which provides direct and independent advice to the department and I as Minister on skills matters across NSW.

We greatly appreciate your dedication, expertise, and commitment to this important work. Your contributions have been highly valued and recognised, and we thank you for your involvement in initiatives that have supported the educational and vocational goals of NSW.

Thank you once again for your exceptional service.

Sincerely

**Steve Whan MP**

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