

# CCHQ 2022

**STRONG ECONOMY. STRONGER FUTURE.**

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Dear Ms Foley,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide the views of the Coalition on important issues facing your members. A response to your questions is attached.

The last two years have been tough for our country.

Despite the setbacks, Australia's economic recovery is leading the world.

Unemployment is at 4%, the equal lowest in 48 years. And the recent Budget included the biggest turnaround in our finances in over 70 years.

There's much more to be done. To build a stronger future, our plan will:

1. Deliver more jobs and working towards unemployment below 4%.
2. Deliver tax relief for workers and small businesses.
3. Invest in roads, rail, water infrastructure and renewable energy technology.
4. Make record investments in health and other essential services.
5. Invest in stronger defence, security and borders.

This election provides a clear choice, with real consequences for Australia.

The alternative at this election is Anthony Albanese and Labor. Labor would weaken our economy and put Australia's recovery at risk. Now is not the time to change course.

Thank you for communicating our response to your members.

Yours sincerely,



Andrew Hirst  
Federal Director

## **MORRISON GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO ADULT LEARNING AUSTRALIA**

The Morrison Government recognises the critical role of skilling Australians through the broader vocational education and training sector, which includes adult and community education. The Morrison Government is providing a record \$7.8 billion this financial year to deliver generational skilling across the nation.

The Morrison Government also recognises the importance of providing support for foundation skills and ensuring access for all Australians with low levels of language, literacy, numeracy and digital literacy. This is reflected in the commitment by Commonwealth and State and Territory Skills Ministers to make one of the collective priorities stronger support for foundation skills and ensuring access for all Australians in need.

The National Foundation Skills Framework (the Framework) sets out a 10-year model for collective action by governments, working with stakeholders, to improve the foundation skills of Australian adults. It recognises the critical role foundation skills play in equipping Australian adults to participate confidently in the community, the workplace, and in education and training and provides a transparent approach for Australian governments and other stakeholders to achieve the aspirational vision that ensures Australians can access quality education and training to continuously develop the foundation skills they need to actively and confidently participate in the economy and the community. This Framework complements work being undertaken by all governments to improve foundation skills for all Australians through the early childhood, schools and tertiary sectors. It also supports commitments by governments to Closing the Gap and to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 4.6.

As part of the record \$7.8 billion training investment this financial year alone, the Morrison Government is specifically investing in foundational skills for Australians through a range of programs. The Skills For Education & Employment Program delivers Language, Literacy, Numeracy and Digital Literacy (LLND) skills training to assist job seekers to get the skills for a job, or as a pathway to further education. The Morrison Government has also expanded eligibility for the Skills For Education & Employment (SEE) Program and removed the hours cap for both the SEE program and Adult Migrant English Program. The Morrison Government will also expand the outreach role of the Reading Writing Hotline, and better incorporate digital skills training for job seekers in the SEE program. The measure will support more job seekers to improve their language, reading, writing, mathematics and digital skills to boost their employment prospects.

Since 2019, the Morrison Government has expanded access to foundation skills by establishing Foundation Skills for Your Future, which brings together training organisations and employers to develop highly contextualised training to improve the skills of employees, reducing the risk of unemployment and increasing employment pathways.