



Through the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR), CPSISC has been funded to undertake a project which aims to 'identify barriers that are presently hindering the national implementation of Certificate IV and other training pathways beyond BCP03 (Certificate III in Plumbing) in plumbing and other related services'. CPSISC has contracted the Gordon Institute of TAFE to manage the project through the consulting firm Altegis Group.

This project follows on from two previous projects in the plumbing sector (for details of these projects, see <http://www.cpsisc.com.au/projects/Nat%20Plumbing/>), and will involve consultation with all sectors of the plumbing industry across Australia.

The project is being oversighted by a Steering Committee with representatives from a wide variety of stakeholder groups.

On 16 December 2008, the Steering Committee met for the first time via teleconference. At this meeting, agreement was reached on a process for conducting the project, which included desktop research, surveys to apprentices, employers and training organisations throughout Australia, as well as the facilitation of stakeholder forums in:

- Western Australia
- New South Wales
- Victoria
- Queensland

Dates and venues for the forums are currently being arranged.

Anyone wishing to contribute to the project should contact Tim Powers on 0425 873 733 or Jude Walker on 03 5263 2514.

Regular updates on this project will be posted on the CPSISC website