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Commission consults with Port Lincoln industry about skills and workforce needs

The State's Training and Skills Commission will visit Port Lincoln today to consult with local industry and community leaders about the skills and workforce development needs of the region.

Training and Skills Commission Chair Michael Boyce said the Commission will meet with representatives from the aquaculture, seafood and tourism industries and the community services and healthcare sector to understand more about the region's unique economic environment, job opportunities, workforce planning, skills needs and challenges.

"For example, we expect to see significant growth in the Community Services and Health sector in Port Lincoln, due in part to the implementation of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)," Mr Boyce said.

"In addition, growing industry demand for more highly skilled workers is leading to an increasing demand for higher level qualifications, and it is the service-related industries and occupations that are expected to drive the majority of qualification demand over the next 10 years.

"This regional visit provides an opportunity for the Commission to consult on the challenges of delivering Adult and Community Education (ACE) and traineeships and apprenticeships in regional South Australia – which will be a focus area for the Commission in 2017.

"This intelligence from industry and community leaders will inform the Commission's independent advice to the Minister for Higher Education and Skills on the vocational education and training and higher education system in South Australia.

"The Commission looks forward to working with industry and employers across the State to address skills needs and challenges, and to help more people into training that meets local needs."

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