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Commission consults with Whyalla industry about skills and workforce needs

The State's Training and Skills Commission will visit Whyalla 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 heavy manufacturing, tourism 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.

It will also meet with a delegation of high level representatives from the Whyalla and Port Augusta Councils, along with key leaders from business and industry.

"The independent Commission regularly consults with regions, acknowledging that the skills and jobs challenges of each region can be vastly different," Mr Boyce said.

"While the future security of Arrium is a great outcome for the city of Whyalla, and will mean business confidence is lifted in the region, the Commission is also keen to explore some of the other industries which are expected to experience growth into the future.

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

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

"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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