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Dear Dr Perglut

Thank you for your proposal regarding financial assistance for the maintenance of NSW Adult and Community Education (ACE) provider infrastructure.

Upon receipt of your proposal, I asked the Department of Industry to investigate and I understand the Department proposes to consider ongoing infrastructure support as part of a review of the implementation of the Community Service Obligation (CSO) program. This review aims to ensure CSO is supporting ACE providers to be effective in the programs available to serve their clients.

In anticipation of this, the Department is proposing to seek funding for a one-off program in 2019/20 enabling ACE Colleges to apply for infrastructure funding.

This program would be implemented against specific criteria and would take account of a provider's Smart and Skilled compliance and performance against Community Service Obligation program targets.

Any application of infrastructure funding beyond 2019/20 would be subject to the outcomes of the Department's review.

If you require additional information or wish to discuss this matter further, please contact Mr Chris Davis, Director Community & Industry Relations on phone 8267 7607 or via email at christopher.davis@industry.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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