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STAFF TO BE BRIEFED ON SKILLS INSTITUTE FINANCIAL RESTRUCTURE

The Skills Institute today met with unions and began a series of statewide staff briefings on how it plans to address its forecast budget deficit.

The plan will see staff numbers reduced by approximately 55 full time equivalent permanent positions.

CEO Malcolm White said he would be meeting with staff in the South, North and North West over the next two days to discuss the changes and ensure all employees were fully briefed.

“We will ensure the changes occur openly and transparently and will support staff with internal and external employee assistance,” Mr White said.

“We have kept our staff and unions informed throughout this process and will continue to do so.

“The staff reductions will be in accordance with Government policy, including targeted voluntary redundancies and the surplus staff process.”

Mr White said it was well known within the Institute that the organisation faced a budget deficit and had been finalising plans to address it.

“We are now operating in a much tighter financial environment and adjustments need to be made to our staff levels.

“Training delivery that aligns with the economic and industry goals of Tasmania will continue to be the focus of the Institute, including the training of trade apprentices, no matter where they work in the State.”

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