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Dear Roger

Thank you for your constituent question asked on 19 March 2026 in Parliament regarding apprenticeship and training pathways in North West Tasmania.

Under the *Tasmanian Skills Plan*, apprenticeships and traineeships continue to be a critical path to growing our local workforce. This includes a focus on investing in, improving and valuing apprenticeships and traineeships and other 'earn while you learn' models.

Building and construction, which includes electrical, plumbing and civil construction, is a priority industry under the Tasmanian Skills Plan and training subsidies are prioritised for training across Tasmania.

The latest data from September 2025 shows that across the North West there are around 150 electrical apprentices in training, 75 plumbing apprentices in training, and around 40 apprentices in the civil and construction trades.

Of particular relevance to the North West is the \$27.2 million Tasmanian Clean Energy Centre of Excellence, which is jointly funded by the Australian and Tasmanian governments.

The Centre will invest in state-of-the-art equipment for training for the design, construction and maintenance of renewable energy infrastructure. The facility will include a targeted redevelopment of the Burnie TasTAFE campus, equipment upgrades, provision of on-campus student accommodation and a review of delivery models to put students at the centre.

The Centre will partner with industry and have a dedicated focus on renewable energy skills, training the community to power Tasmania's renewable future.

It is expected that the benefits from the Tasmanian Clean Energy Centre of Excellence will flow across the State, but particularly to the North West areas where the Centre is based.

The Government is also focussing on improving access to pre-employment and pre-apprenticeship training in the North West.

For example, the Certificate II in Electrotechnology has been delivered at TasTAFE's Burnie campus since February 2026, with the next intake scheduled to commence in July 2026.

The Civil Job Ready Program is a four-week program designed to support pathways into employment in the civil construction sector. The program will commence at the Burnie

campus in April 2026, with a further intake planned later in 2026. The initiative is delivered in partnership between TasTAFE and the Civil Contractors Federation Tasmania.

In addition, the Certificate II in Plumbing (Pre-apprenticeship) is planned for delivery at TasTAFE's Devonport campus later in 2026, subject to sufficient demand.

The Government will continue to work closely with TasTAFE and private registered training organisations to improve access to training for learners across the North West.

Thank you for raising these matters in Parliament, I trust this information is helpful.

Yours faithfully



Felix Ellis MP

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