

## CDAA Welcomes Jobs Victoria Careers Counsellors Program

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CDAA welcomes the Victorian Government's announcement of the Jobs Victoria Careers Counsellors program, providing much-needed professional support to the community.

The program, which comes at a time of COVID-related disruption to the local labour market, recognises the value of professional career advice from qualified and experienced career practitioners.

"The need to make informed decisions about career direction and retraining, identify employability skills, and understand application processes are now part of life," CDAA National President Linda Jeffrey said.

"Equitable, affordable access to objective and professional career transition support is key to good employment outcomes for both employees and employers."

However, CDAA is concerned that the program's delivery model may result in loss of work and income for experienced career advice specialists with private businesses.

"Career practitioners working in small business, as with most other Victorian businesses, have experienced many challenges to get back on their feet," Ms Jeffrey said.

"The Government's service appears to be in direct competition to their hard-won business and is likely to have a significant impact."

The NSW Government has recently announced Careers NSW, an all-age career advice service with pilot programs being announced soon.

"CDAA urges the NSW Government to consider how local career advice specialists can be incorporated into the programs and not find themselves at risk of losing business," Ms Jeffrey said.

For those Victorians unable to access the Jobs Victoria Career Counsellors program, qualified career advice is available through CDAA members in Victoria. Find a career specialist [here](#).

**Please note:** CDAA members listed on the website are in business and charge a fee for the services they provide.

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The Career Development Association of Australia (CDAA) commenced as the Australian Association of Career Counsellors in 1989, and is Australia's largest cross-sectoral association of career development professionals working in a diverse range of roles, delivering services in industry, government, education, employment programs and community organisations. The primary purpose of the CDAA is to support its members by leading, building and growing the career development profession.

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