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***ADVANCING VET RESEARCH:  
DILEMMAS, DEVIATIONS AND DIRECTIONS***

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Abstract:

This paper considers the current state of VET research and addresses the question, how might VET research be advanced. The discussion examines current dilemmas facing VET research as a result of its historical legacies, its location at the interface of policy, practice and research, wider contextual changes and the diverse expectations of researchers, research users and research funders in VET. This analysis is used to identify, more sharply, the difficulties of VET research and the challenges that need to be addressed. This is followed by some consideration of strategic directions in relation to the character and organisation of VET research.