

Peel, education and TAFE learning model: a regional Western Australian response to collocation

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Collocation of services in regional Western Australia is an important strand in WA's Regional Development Policy. The intent of this initiative is to foster working relationships amongst stakeholder groups, with a view to ensuring regional Western Australian communities have access to quality services.

Challenger TAFE with two education partners, the WA Department of Education and Murdoch University, is producing a new concept in joint delivery of education and training. It goes beyond existing utility focused Australian models of education campus collocation.

Key factors influencing this initiative have been formulated from the positive flow-on from two national education and training policy decisions and through the cooperative and trusting local arrangements that have been built over the last decade, within the region.

These energies have come together at the Peel Regional Education and TAFE Campus to produce a concept of that goes beyond existing models and commitments to cross-sectoral education and training in Australia.

The model has been developed as a consequence of the factors embedded in the local circumstances and a history of trust and cooperative activity. It is not intended as a blue print for other locations because circumstances vary and this model may not be readily replicable.