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NECA takes steps to bridge statewide training gap

The National Electrical and Communications Association (NECA) successfully delivered training on Installation Testing Practices for 46 of the state's electricians in Hobart last week.

The NECA run course is currently one of an extremely limited post-trade offering in Tasmania for the electrical sector and addresses the serious lack of opportunity to upskill the states sparkies.

"Quite a large number of non-compliant electrical works identified by the CBOS team have been centred around a lack of understanding of the testing and verification requirements," a Consumer, Building and Occupational Services (CBOS) spokesperson said.

"The training that NECA is providing is a big step forward in ensuring the standard of Tasmania's electrical work continues to improve".

NECA Tasmania's Ben Shaw, said "This course has received outstanding feedback from participants and their employers, with many more wanting to take part. There are a further 80 participants undertaking this NECA led training throughout the state next month, however the course reached maximum capacity within days of being announced.

"As a result, we are currently looking at opportunities to expand our post-trade offerings even further for Tassie's electricians. The collaboration with Keystone Tasmania has worked very well and it shows how working together can deliver great outcomes for our electricians and our sector".

NECA National CEO Oliver Judd said "The Employment white paper released last week by the Federal Government has identified the critical need not only for additional apprentices but the requirement for upskilling to meet the demands of the Australian economy. Australia will need almost 43,000 more electricians in the next ten years alone and these upskilling courses will be in high demand if we plan to deliver the clean energy workforce of the future."

Gideon Perrott, CEO NECA Education and Careers said "It's Important that we as industry leaders are stepping up and providing opportunities to strengthen the Tasmanian electrotechnology sector and supporting its post trade needs. We're pleased to be able to provide this industry led training with the support of Keystone funding and to ensure the Tasmanian electrical sector now has access to this critical set of skills which form a key part of the Australian Standards".

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