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**A PROGRAM TO STOP THE AUTOMOTIVE ENGINEERING SKILLS
DRAIN IN AUSTRALIA**

Peiman Rajaiee - Manager, IPWG



On the 28th April 2015, the Industry Programs Working Group, established to help automotive engineers find work in other Australian industries, was launched by SAE-A and the Victorian Department of Education and Training.

The closure of automotive manufacturing and some engineering design centers in Australia is expected to result in a massive skills drain over the next two to three years as many of the 1,700 Victorian based engineering professionals set to lose their jobs seek work overseas with international Automotive companies.

“SAE-A has a comprehensive plan to raise the awareness of Australian Industry sectors about the capabilities of automotive industry professionals through cross industry mapping of transferable skills, and decoding industry related jargon” said Natalie Roberts, Executive Director, SAE-A.

Professional engineers hold qualifications that are internationally recognized, and their skills are extremely transferable. This has seen many pursue job opportunities offshore. To stem the flow SAE-A will work with a number of Australian industry sectors that are struggling to find suitably experienced engineers, and inform them of the valuable skills and capabilities becoming available on the employment marketplace.

“Although it may be regarded as a program to help automotive engineers transitioning to their new career

stage, IPWG is in fact about helping Australian industry as a whole by preventing the loss of one of our most valuable national asset’s – the knowledge & skills of our workforce – to other countries”, Peiman Rajaiee, Program Manager, commented at the SAE-A AGM meeting in May.

IPWG is working closely with Victorian Government Departments, and engaging with key stakeholders



Peiman Rajaiee presenting the future plans of the IPWG at the recent SAE-A's AGM.

in multiple industries, to increase the understanding of the skills, training, and experience that automotive engineering staff can bring to potential new employers.

The IPWG is currently researching eight key industry sectors; mapping the skill sets required by each sector, highlighting the similarities in skills to an automotive engineer. These sectors are as follows:

Sector 0: Automotive
Sector 1: Health
Sector 2: Construction

Sector 3: Manufacturing and Agriculture
Sector 4: Oil, Gas, Energy
Sector 5: Mining and Metals
Sector 6: Defence and Space
Sector 7: Electricity, Gas, Water & Waste Services
Sector 8: Education & Training

The IPWG program is for all automotive professionals – not just SAE-A members.

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- Peiman Rajaiee, SAE-A

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Industry survey coming soon.

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