



**National Australian
Apprenticeship Association**

Press Release

AAMS cancelled

Today the Department of Education and Training announced the cancellation of the Australian Apprenticeships Management System (AAMS)

The Association supports the Department's decision to cancel the project.

The system was to have significantly improved the efficiency and effectiveness of support arrangements for apprentices, their employers, State Training Agencies and Apprenticeship Network Providers.

The project proved extremely complex and suffered from:

- Insufficient co-design and consultation with end users
- Poor project management by the Department
- Over ambitious scope
- Poor performance by the software developer

In the latter stages of the project NAAA was asked to join a project Steering Group to oversee the second round of user acceptance testing. It was during this process that it became clear to us that the project would not deliver a product that was fit for purpose.

We are assured that canceling the project will have no immediate impact on payments to apprentices or their employers.

So, whilst we are disappointed by the failure of AAMS, we look forward to working with the Department to develop a replacement for the TYIMS system that learns the lessons of the AAMS project.

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