Notes from the TCF Associations Meeting  
Wednesday, 22nd November 2006 at 10.00 am

ATTENDEES:

Kerryn Caulfield, Technical Textiles and Nonwoven Association  
Ashley Van Krieken, Textile Fashion Industries of Australia  
Allan Firth, Carpet Institute of Australia  
Keith Cowlishaw, RMIT University

WHAT IS THE TEXTILE DESIGN SPECIALIST CENTRE?

A specialist centre run by RMIT’s School of Fashion & Textiles providing specialist training to industry in a number of ways i.e. Research, Accredited, Non Accredited, Online and Short Courses and Customised programs.

PURPOSE OF MEETING:

To seek feedback on whether the Textile Design Specialist Centre should continue and if so, what would you like to see the centre do or what direction and role should the Centre take?

BULLET POINTS TAKEN AT MEETING

- Associations would like to see the Textile Design & Specialist Centre as a separate entity to ensure that the Centre is not be caught up with RMIT rules, regulations and politics
- For the Textile Design & Specialist Centre to be successful, a skilled and knowledgeable person with Industry experience and a business attitude leading the centre.
- Association have come across that the Training Packages work well for students at TAFE however do not work well with company/Industry needs. The Textiles Design and Specialist Centre could assist in this area.
- The Textiles Design and Specialist Centre could facilitate general discussion between Industry, Association and TAFE
- The Textiles Design and Specialist Centre can use RMIT facilities for seminar/workshops
- The Textiles Design and Specialist Centre to be a business model which OTTE is wanting.
- If Companies can see positives things coming out from the Textiles Design and Specialist Centre then they will be willing to provide funds.