

## Media Release —

### **TEQSA Chief Executive Farewelled By Independent Higher Education Sector**

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The contribution made by Mr Anthony McClaran in supporting independent higher education providers has been acknowledged by the Independent Tertiary Education Council Australia (ITECA), following the announcement of his departure as Chief Executive Officer of the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA).

“ITECA has appreciated Anthony’s contribution to the higher education sector and efforts to ensure that independent providers can offer students the quality outcomes they are looking for,” said Troy Williams, ITECA Chief Executive.

TEQSA’s purpose is to protect student interests and the reputation of Australia’s higher education sector through a proportionate, risk-reflective approach to quality assurance that supports diversity, innovation and excellence. According to ITECA, Mr McClaran will be remembered for his commitment to working constructively with independent higher education providers in meeting their compliance obligations.

“As TEQSA Chief Executive, Anthony was both engaging and engaged. He welcomed the opportunity to ensure that TEQSA worked with independent higher education providers to develop a shared understanding of what quality looks like, one that reflects the interests of providers in putting students at the centre,” Mr Williams said.

It has been announced that Mr McClaran will be taking up the role of Vice-Chancellor at St Mary’s University Twickenham London.

“ITECA wishes Anthony well in his new role,” Mr Williams said.

ITECA represents independent providers in the higher education, vocational education, training and skills sectors. There are around 130 independent providers in the higher education sector that collectively support around 10% of the 1.6 million students in higher education.

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