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ITECA Vote To Transform Independent Tertiary Education Leadership

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At an extraordinary general meeting called for 2 May 2019, the membership of the Australian Council for Private Education and Training (ACPET) will be asked to approve the transition of the organisation to the Independent Tertiary Education Council Australia (ITECA). ITECA will provide a focal point of leadership for independent providers in the higher education plus vocational education and training (VET) sectors.

“This transition has been a year in the making and the result of a careful assessment about the future of tertiary education in Australia. The transition to ITECA recognises the increasing convergence in how quality providers in the higher education and VET sector provide students and employers with the outcomes they are looking for,” said Troy Williams, ACPET Chief Executive.

ACPET was formed in 1992 and since then has established itself as a powerful force for independent providers in the VET sector. In recent years, its membership has grown to include independent providers in the higher education sectors. The transition to ITECA recognises that there was an interest from stakeholders across the independent tertiary education sector for an umbrella organisation to represent them.

“ITECA’s membership will be broad and encompass providers of all sizes across the tertiary education sector. In addition to higher education and VET providers, we’ll also have in place the infrastructure to support providers of micro-credentials,” Mr Williams said.

The transition to ITECA signals a transformational change in how the association will build collaborative frameworks across the tertiary education sector, government and the business community. A strong focus is being placed on member engagement in order to ensure that the projects and policy priorities ITECA progresses reflect needs of its members.

“We’re transforming our approach to member engagement by investing in technology and building the collaborative frameworks that allow members to come together, share experiences and exchange ideas. This will be the key to ITECA’s success,” Mr Williams said.

The transition to ITECA will be given effect if ACPET members support changes to the association’s constitution at an extraordinary general meeting to be held in Melbourne on 2 May 2019. If approved, ITECA will be launched shortly thereafter.

“ITECA will provide leadership, strategy, advocacy and support. Our members will set our agenda, fund our activities and directly benefit from the results,” Mr Williams said.

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