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TEQSA Commissioner's Appointment Welcomed By Independent Sector

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The appointment of **Emeritus Professor Peter Coaldrake AO** as a Commissioner of the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA) has been welcomed by the Independent Tertiary Education Council Australia (ITECA), the peak body representing independent providers in the higher education, vocational education, training and skills sectors.

“Professor Coaldrake’s broad understanding of the issues before Australia’s higher education sector will serve both TEQSA and independent higher education providers well,” said Troy Williams, ITECA Chief Executive.

In October 2018, Professor Coaldrake was appointed by the Education Minister, the Hon. Dan Tehan MP, to conduct a review into the Higher Education Provider Category Standards.

“This review was particularly important for independent higher education providers, and ITECA was involved in the consultation process. It’s pleasing that Professor Coaldrake’s experience in this area of TEQSA’s work will be available to guide the regulator’s strategic decision-making,” Mr Williams said.

The Minister for Education has appointed Professor Coaldrake for five years. Professor Coaldrake will join existing TEQSA Commissioners Professor Nick Saunders AO, Emeritus Professor Joan Cooper, and Emeritus Professor Cliff Walsh.

Around 10% of the 1.5 million students in higher education are with independent providers.

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