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ACPET CEO Appointed to International Education Advisory Council
New Body Signals Importance of Sector to National Agenda

Australian Council for Private Education and Training (ACPET) CEO, Claire Field, said today that the establishment by the Federal Government of a new International Education Advisory Council will put international education at the centre of the national agenda for productivity, skills development and engagement with the international community.

The new Council will advise the Australian Government on developing a long-term strategy to support the sustainability and quality of international education in Australia.

Ms Field, who has been appointed as one of the inaugural members of the Council, said a thriving, high quality, international education sector was one of Australia’s most important and effective means of responding to national challenges, and she welcomed the opportunity to contribute to the direction of the sector in the coming years.

“The establishment of the International Education Advisory Council is an ambitious and commendable achievement by the Federal Government, and I am honoured to be a part of it,” Ms Field said.

“ACPET congratulates the Minister for Tertiary Education, Senator Chris Evans, for bringing together a diverse group of representatives from business and education, which should enable the council to meet its responsibilities of providing strategic and relevant advice that leads to a sustainable, high quality, future for international education.”

Ms Field added that she was pleased the council’s terms of reference were sufficiently broad to address the myriad issues that impact international education in Australia.

“International education operates at the intersection between many points of public policy and private enterprise, making it absolutely vital that the sector’s challenges and opportunities are addressed from a broad, strategic, perspective,” Ms Field said.

“I look forward to working with my new colleagues on the Council to ensure Australia continues to be a world leader in this dynamic industry.”

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