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ACPET Announces Change of Leadership

The Chair of the Australian Council of Private Education and Training (ACPET), Mr Bruce Callaghan, has announced that respected CEO Rod Camm is leaving his role at the head of the Council's executive after the Council's AGM in August 2018.

Mr Callaghan said, "Rod has been a strong voice in Australian higher education during a time of major sectoral upheaval. He has provided a sound administrative base for the organisation during major reform and has been a tireless and uniquely well-informed advocate for Independent education. Rod has worked through closures of RTOs, relocating displaced students and adjustments to major funding and contract changes in the sector.

During the last 4 years, ACPET has had to manage major structural change and the CEO has worked with the Board to refocus ACPET as an industry body, active in an industry, which is one of Australia's largest exports. The CEO and the Board will go to the 2018 AGM with proposals for restructure of the organisation to reflect the Board's commitment to an expanding independent education sector. Rod's stewardship and expert sectoral knowledge have been an important driver of ACPET's change process. The Chair said "Rod Camm has always remained calm and negotiated on policy and educational performance for the benefit of students and education generally".

Rod and the Board have been clear that the CEO will transition to a very different role leading an Industry Association focussed on professional standards and on working with government and the public education sector on policy settings for the future. Rod believes his work as a change agent is complete and he and The Board have agreed to recruit a CEO who will take the organisation into its new position. Rod Camm said, "I have really enjoyed my time at ACPET and have had the pleasure of working with some of the most committed, ethical people within both the independent and public education sectors. There are many opportunities for public and independent educators to work more closely together in the future. I would like to thank the Board for their support and have no doubt our paths will continue to cross."

The Chair said, "I personally would like to thank Rod for his support and drive. Our relationship has been close and indeed, a positive element of my work as Chair".

Rod has led thinking on the role of independent education and on the importance of ethics and professional standards in quality education. He has also worked to create new professional education standards, which will become the basis for membership of ACPET in 2018 and beyond.

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