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ACPET Appoints Chief Executive Officer, Troy Williams

ACPET, the industry organisation which represents the independent tertiary education sector in Australia, has announced the appointment of Troy Williams as its new Chief Executive Officer.

The appointment reflects ACPET's current priorities in promoting quality Australian education both nationally and internationally. Troy comes to ACPET as the independent education sector strengthens its student focus and seeks to provide business with the skills it needs to support Australia's economy.

"The selection demonstrates ACPET's commitment to the role of tertiary education in shaping Australia's economic future and in this context, the Council was able to attract candidates of the highest calibre," said Bruce Callaghan, ACPET National Chair.

Mr Williams is an experienced policy advocate with an established network of contacts across the political spectrum, and he has a highly nuanced approach to evidence-based policy development. This will be crucial to ACPET members, and the broader business community, as the independent education sector embarks on the changes which will be required to address educational change in the next decade.

Mr Williams' has a long career with membership-based organisations, where he has emphasised member engagement and collaborative partnerships.

"ACPET has a strategic commitment to ensuring the integrity and educational quality of the independent sector. The CEO's challenge will be to bring quality providers and regulators together. Troy's expertise in stakeholder engagement will position ACPET to achieve this outcome, which will in turn support a continuous improvement in Australia's international education offering," Mr Callaghan said.

Troy is the outgoing Chief Executive Officer of the Australian Dental Industry Association, the peak business organisation representing manufacturers and suppliers of dental equipment, which was named '2017 Association of The Year'. He has been a change-manager who has effected structural reforms in business and professional associations including the Australian Institute of Building (AIB) and the Fire Protection Association Australia (FPA Australia).

Troy currently serves on the General Council of the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ACCI), and as an industry appointee to a number of Australian Government committees. He has served as a Director of the former Property Services ITAB and the Property Services GTO. He's a fellow of the Australian Institute of Managers and Leaders, and a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

"It's a great pleasure to have accepted this role, it is one that allows me to work towards reducing the artificial stratification that separates our schools, vocational providers and higher education providers. It will be a creative challenge working with the ACPET membership to provide business with the skilled and educated graduates it needs for the future and doing so in a manner that puts students at the centre," Mr Williams said.

Mr Williams takes up the role in late November 2018.

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