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TEQSA WELCOMES RED TAPE REVIEW

TEQSA welcomes the commissioning of a review of higher education regulation.

The review is an opportunity to consider a whole of sector approach, to further shape the regulatory system for Australia's higher education sector and safeguard the interests of all students studying higher education with an Australian provider.

TEQSA welcomes the opportunity to contribute to an examination of the balance between regulatory oversight and the regulatory burden on the sector. In particular, a focus on the potential duplication in the legislative framework for higher education as expressed in the HESA Act, the TEQSA Act and the ESOS Act and relevant standards and codes, is timely.

Since its regulatory powers took effect on 29 January 2012, TEQSA has implemented its regulatory approach in line with the TEQSA Act and the Threshold Standards (and more recently, the ESOS Act and its accompanying National Code). The Agency will share these experiences, including feedback received from the sector.

TEQSA anticipates that the review will identify the strengths and limitations of the current regulatory system and, from this, consider whether there is scope for amendment to the legislative framework and consequently, implementation of higher education regulation.

A further benefit of the review will be the ability to explore options for reducing duplication in the regulatory and data gathering activities undertaken by TEQSA and the Department of Industry, Innovation, Climate Change, Science, Research and Tertiary Education's (DIICCSRTE).

The Agency looks forward to working with the reviewers to advance the quality of regulation of Australian higher education.

TEQSA is Australia's independent national regulator for higher education.

One of TEQSA's primary aims is to ensure students receive a high quality education at any Australian higher education provider.