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TAFEs ready to offer practical, informed input into new VET stakeholder liaison committee

TAFE Directors Australia (TDA) has welcomed the representatives from the TAFE sector that have been appointed to the Australian Skills Quality Authority's new Stakeholder Liaison Group (SLG), announced today.

The 17-member stakeholder group will provide an avenue for engagement with ASQA on key issues affecting training providers.

As was outlined in the SLG terms of reference in April, TAFE will have two representatives on the stakeholder group. They are Ms Margie Fixter, Executive Director, Quality, Teaching and Learning at TAFE SA; and Ms Julie Healy, Director Vocational Education and RTO Manager at TAFE Queensland.

TAFE Directors Australia CEO Craig Robertson said the TAFE representation will provide an important additional avenue to ensure that TAFE quality and effectiveness are reflected in stakeholder liaison.

"Margie and Julie are key leaders in the quality, regulation and compliance network for TAFEs and will be in a position to provide practical yet strategic advice to ASQA," Mr Robertson said.

"Importantly, the liaison group will be able to give grounded advice about the pathway to excellence which has been identified as a key objective by skills ministers."

ASQA issued an Expression of Interest for membership of the SLG in April, with applications closing on May 15, and more than 350 applications received.

TDA looks forward to ASQA's new focus on regulatory matters outlined following its recent rapid review and acknowledges the educative focus that will form part of that approach.

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