



# MEDIA RELEASE

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## **TAFE National Convention to bring together leaders from education, government and industry**

More than 450 delegates from across Australia will converge on Adelaide this week for the TAFE Directors Australia 2022 National Convention, 'Courage, Change and Challenge: The Future of TAFE'.

The convention brings expert speakers from government, TAFE Institutes, industry and academia, as well as representatives from students and the community to look at major trends in the world of work, government responses to the skills challenge, and international developments in education and training.

TDA Chief Executive Officer Jenny Dodd said the conference will tackle some of the major issues for TAFE, industry and the future of skills and work.

"At a time when TAFE is at the centre of the workforce and skilling agenda, this is a chance to hear about what is working well, and where we need to adapt to deliver the jobs and skills of tomorrow".

**Ellen Fanning** from ABC TV's *The Drum* will MC the conference. Keynote speakers include:

- **Danielle Wood**, Chief Executive Officer, Grattan Institute
- **The Hon. Brendan O'Connor MP**, Minister for Skills and Training (by video)
- **The Hon. Blair Boyer MP**, Minister for Education, Training and Skills, South Australia
- **Kurt Fearnley AO**, Chair, National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA)

A panel of industry experts will examine the critical workforce and skills issues in areas such as manufacturing, mining, aged care, tech and transport and logistics:

- **Michelle Gibson**, Head of Learning & Development, BHP
- **Renee Hindmarsh**, South Australian Skills Commissioner
- **Tanya Holden**, Acting Learning and Engagement Manager, Helping Hand
- **Paul Walsh**, Chief Executive Officer, Australian Industry Standards (AIS)
- **Sharon Robertson**, Chief Executive, Innovation and Business Skills Australia (IBSA)
- **Patrick Kidd**, Chief Executive Officer, Digital Skills Organisation (DSO)

**TDA 2022 National Convention, 'Courage, Change and Challenge: The Future of TAFE'**

**Date: Tuesday 15 – Thursday 17 November 2022**

**Venue: Hilton Hotel Adelaide, 233 Victoria Square, Adelaide South Australia**

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TAFE Directors Australia is the peak national body representing 29 TAFE institutes, including six dual sector universities with TAFE divisions and nine TAFEs that are also non-university higher education providers.