

# **MEDIA RELEASE**

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## **TAFE sector welcomes appointment of head of Jobs and Skills Australia**

TAFE Directors Australia (TDA) today welcomed the appointment of Professor Barney Glover as the new Commissioner of Jobs and Skills Australia (JSA).

The Chief Executive Officer of TDA Jenny Dodd said Professor Glover has a distinguished record in the tertiary education sector and will bring valuable experience and insights to this important role.

"We warmly congratulate Professor Glover on his appointment.

"Professor Glover has deep knowledge of the tertiary education sector and the important linkages with industry that will be vital to the work of JSA.

"We acknowledge his dual-sector expertise, working across both vocational and higher education, as Vice-Chancellor of Charles Darwin University, and anticipate that this will facilitate growing connections across tertiary education.," Ms Dodd said.

"Professor Glover was a member of the 2023 Universities Accord panel where he actively engaged in exploring how closer alignment between TAFE and higher education might work."

Ms Dodd said the appointment underscores the important role of JSA in delivering the workforce capability needed across scores of new and emerging skills and occupations, from clean energy to the care economy.

JSA will have a fundamental role in identifying skills needs across the economy, ensuring high levels of participation by disadvantaged groups, engaging with training providers, and working closely with the ten Jobs and Skills Councils to ensure input across industry, employers and unions.

TDA also extends its appreciation to interim JSA Commissioner David Turvey who will remain in the role until April, and to his predecessor, Professor Peter Dawkins who helped establish JSA and led it through its critical early period.

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TAFE Directors Australia is the peak national body representing 28 TAFE institutes, including six dual sector universities with TAFE divisions and nine TAFEs that are also non-university higher education providers.