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Australian Council of Deans of Education Board welcomes Draft Action Plan

Professor Michele Simons, Dean of Education at Western Sydney University and President of the Australian Council of Deans of Education (ACDE) has welcomed the release of the draft National Teacher Workforce Action Plan.

“The plan represents a significant statement of actions that are essential to support the teaching profession to thrive in contemporary times,” said Professor Simons.

“The importance of bringing together all the states and territories along with, employers, unions and key professional organisations, to put this plan forward for consultation cannot be understated.”

The key priorities identified in the draft plan are:

- Encouraging people to pursue teaching as a career
- Ensuring that the preparation and ongoing professional learning of teachers combines the very best research, informed programs and practical pathways
- Ensuring the right conditions to enable teachers to experience rewarding careers in the profession

Professor Simons notes that these are the foundations upon which we, as Higher Education leaders, will be able to make a real difference in supporting the important work of teachers.

“Our goal from this point, will be to consult widely and deeply with all members of the Council and stakeholders from across the education sector,” said Professor Simons.

“Allowing us to achieve the development of a diverse teaching workforce that is well equipped to meet the needs of all children and young people in our education system.

“All members of ACDE stand committed to listening carefully to the outcomes the consultations about the important work ahead for universities engaged in preparing and supporting the development of teachers across their careers.”

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