

Deans of Education will work with Minister Tudge on proposed reforms for Initial Teacher Education (ITE)

The President of the Australian Council of Deans of Education (ACDE), Professor Michele Simons welcomed Minister Tudge's announcement today of a review that will build on key ITE reforms of the last six years.

'As the Minister mentioned, there is a lot to celebrate from the many building blocks such as accreditation of ITE, all of which have enhanced teaching quality and standards considerably,' said Professor Simons.

'Deans of Education are always looking to improve the quality of our teaching profession—we are keen to contribute to Minister Tudge's review.'

Professor Simons, who is also Dean of the School of Education at Western Sydney University, said Implementation of the 2015 Teacher Education Ministerial Advisory Group (TEMAG) reforms to ITE demonstrated the critical importance of ensuring very clear relationships between providers of education, employers of teachers and regulatory bodies, including the acknowledgement of respective jurisdictional and Federal Government interests. 'Minister Tudge's review must be represented and supported as a national issue which requires careful and respectful engagement across all stakeholders in ITE. Matters such as exploring additional pathways to attract mid-career professionals to teaching cannot be rushed and must be supported by an evidenced based approach,' said Professor Simons.

ACDE looks forward to receiving Minister Tudge's review Terms of Reference.

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