

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Ministerial Direction No.2 of 2013

Issued by authority of the Minister for Education

Authority

Under subsection 155(1) of the *Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency Act 2011* (the Act) the Minister may give a direction, by legislative instrument, to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Tertiary Education and Quality Standards Agency (TEQSA) about the performance of her functions.

In accordance with sections 44 and 54 of the *Legislative Instruments Act 2003*, the *Ministerial Direction No. 2 of 2013* is not subject to disallowance or sunseting.

Purpose and operation

The purpose of the instrument is to direct TEQSA's CEO to consult and seek advice on a range of matters and to detail deregulatory initiatives undertaken to improve the efficiency and timeliness of TEQSA's core compliance activities.

Consultation

Extensive consultation with the sector was undertaken by Professor Kwong Lee Dow AO and Professor Valerie Braithwaite in their independent Review of Higher Education Regulation. This legislative instrument is part of the Government's response to this Report.

Commencement

The legislative instrument will commence on the day after registration on the Federal Register of Legislative Instruments.