



Meeting of Expert Members of the Council for International Education 20 July 2018

The Expert Members of the Council for International Education met in Canberra on 20 July 2018, with the meeting convened by the Hon Phil Honeywood.

Expert Members reflected on two years of the Council's operations and progress in implementing the *National Strategy for International Education 2025*. Expert Members discussed how to better promote the benefits of international education to the Australia community, champion the internationalisation of Australian education at all levels and unite stakeholders. A Communications Strategy for Expert Members will be developed to support further action.

Recommendations from the Student Service Delivery Working Group were further reviewed by the Expert Members. Expert Members agreed to a package of actions, which will now form a body of work going forward.

The Expert Members all agreed that Providers play an important role in helping to address workplace exploitation. Expert Members reiterated their ongoing support for the continuation of existing workplace rights for international students, including the current 40 hour per fortnight limit on work during study periods, noting they are a critical component of Australia's education offerings.

Expert Members discussed the structure and content of their upcoming progress report to the Prime Minister. Expert Members agreed for the report to include a health check on the current and possible future state of the sector and to capture key actions undertaken to deliver against the National Strategy in 2017-18. The report will also provide analysis of anticipated challenges and opportunities for the year ahead and future activities to address and capitalise on these.

Expert Members discussed future policy priorities and agreed to focus on the following areas in 2018-19: opportunities for the schools and VET sector, China, India, Education Agents, and sustainability. Expert Members will undertake policy deep dives in these areas and form working groups to galvanise sector activity where required.

Expert Members will next meet on 28 September 2018.