



COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION
TERMS OF REFERENCE (JUNE 2015)

Context

In April 2015 the Hon Christopher Pyne MP, Minister for Education and Training, released the *Draft National Strategy for International Education* and announced the establishment of a ministerially-led Coordinating Council for International Education.

The *Draft National Strategy for International Education* outlines a vision that places international education at the core of Australia's economic prosperity, social advancement and international standing.

Realising this vision requires a coordinated approach across Commonwealth, state and territory and local governments, as well as active engagement from education providers, business and industry and the wider community.

Role

The Council will provide leadership and coordination to oversee the finalisation of a national strategy for international education and the development of an implementation plan.

The key tasks for the Council will include:

- drawing together policy initiatives and consultations across governments, the education sector, business, and the wider community to inform the finalisation of the national strategy
- identifying priority actions and encouraging active engagement from all levels of government and the wider international education community
- developing an implementation plan to support the long term sustainable growth of international education.

This work will be progressed in close consultation with interested parties, including through two roundtable discussions to be led by the Council in 2015.

Membership

The Council will be chaired by the Minister for Education and Training and will comprise a small number of key education and industry experts and portfolio ministers with responsibility for policies and programmes to support international education:

The Hon Christopher Pyne MP (Chair)	Ms Sue Blundell
The Hon Julie Bishop MP	Ms Kate Carnell AO
The Hon Andrew Robb AO MP	The Hon Phil Honeywood
The Hon Ian Macfarlane MP	Ms Belinda Robinson
Senator the Hon Michaelia Cash	Mr Bill Spurr AO
Senator the Hon Simon Birmingham	Mr Malcolm White

The term of the Council will conclude once the national strategy for international education and an implementation plan are agreed.

The Council will be supported by a secretariat in the Department of Education and Training.

The Interdepartmental Committee on International Education will provide policy support to the Council and the roundtable discussions.