

ACT Teacher Quality Institute Board Appointment 2026 (No 4)

Disallowable instrument DI2026-194

made under the

ACT Teacher Quality Institute Act 2010, s 14 and Financial Management Act 1996 s 78 and s 79

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The *ACT Teacher Quality Institute Act 2010* (the Act) governs the establishment, functions and membership of the ACT Teacher Quality Institute (TQI) Board.

Section 15 of the Act deals with the appointment of members of the TQI Board and requires such appointments to be made by the Minister.

Appointment

This vacancy has arisen with the expiry of the second term on 31 August 2026 of Ms Natalie Howson as the Chair of the TQI Board, appointed under section 15(2)(a) of the Act.

This instrument appoints Dr Phil Lambert PSM as Chair of the TQI Board for a period of three years, as per section 15(6) of the Act.

A notice of vacancy was publicly advertised on the ACT Diversity Register, jobs ACT and external advertising sites and promoted through various and diverse professional channels such as the Australian Institute of Company Directors, Women on Boards Vacancy Board, Women with Disabilities ACT, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education, universities and executive networks.

The Selection Advisory Panel (Panel) comprised senior leaders from the Education Directorate and both ACT government and non-government schools, ensuring a balanced and informed assessment of applicants. The Panel consistently assessed all applicants against a skills matrix that was published alongside details of the Chair and Board roles and responsibilities. Taking into consideration the Panel's assessment and recommendations, and the appointment criteria set out under section 78(3) of the *Financial*

Management Act 1996, the Minister selected Dr Phil Lambert as her preferred applicant.

Dr Lambert was awarded the Public Service Medal for his outstanding contribution to education and leadership. He was appointed Patron of the NSW Professional Teachers Council and is a recipient of the Sir Harold Wynham Medal, awarded by the Australian College of Educators, and the NSW Teachers Guild's Phyllis Evans Medal.

Dr Lambert has over 30 years' experience in the education sector, including various roles as an executive leader and chair, such as Sydney Regional Director of Schools and Chief Executive Officer Registered Training Organisation; General Manager, Australian Curriculum at the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA), where he led the development of Australia's first national curriculum; and Chair of the Australian College of Educators Board. He is an Adjunct Professor at the University of Sydney and Nanjing Normal University (China) and is an education expert in systems, curriculum leadership, and school reform both at national and international levels.

Dr Lambert's qualifications are as follows:

Doctor of Education, University of Sydney, awarded 2001

Master of Education (Leadership), University of Sydney, awarded 1996

Bachelor of Education (Leadership), Adelaide University, awarded 1984

Certificate of Aboriginal Cultural Knowledge, TAFE NSW, awarded 2009

The Legislative Assembly Standing Committee on Social Policy was consulted in accordance with section 228 of the *Legislation Act 2001* (Consultation with relevant Assembly committee) and has no objections to the appointment.

The appointee is not an ACT Public Servant, and this instrument makes an appointment to which the *Legislation Act 2001*, Division 19.3.3 applies. Accordingly, under section 229 of the *Legislation Act*, the appointment instrument is a disallowable instrument.