

## **Undertaking given for the purposes of section 125 of the *Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency Act 2011* (the Act)**

by

Torrens University Australia Ltd ("Torrens University Australia")

### **Persons giving this undertaking**

(1) This undertaking is given by Torrens University Australia of Level 1, Torrens Building, 220 Victoria Square, Adelaide, SA 5001 for the purposes of section 125 of the Act.

### **Background**

(2) The South Australian Minister of Employment, Training and Further Education issued a declaration of approval to establish Torrens University Australia in October 2011. The University has been making plans to commence operations in January 2014.

(3) In July 2013, Torrens University Australia was admitted to the National Register as a consequence of the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Regulation 2012 (Select Legislative Instrument 2012 No. 130).

(4) TEQSA has assessed documentation supplied by Torrens University Australia about its preparations to commence operations, including a Compliance Plan Update (dated February 2013), and an Operations Plan 2013-2016 and Financial Plan 2014-2018 of the same date.

(5) If the plans were implemented Torrens University Australia would not be compliant with the requirement in Provider Category Standard 2.1 that an Australian University must self-accredit and deliver undergraduate and postgraduate courses of study that meet the Qualifications Standards across a range of broad fields of study (including Masters Degrees (Research) and Doctoral Degrees (Research) in at least three of the broad fields of study that it offers. It would also not be compliant with the requirement in Provider Category Standard 2.3 that the University undertakes research in at least those fields of study in which Masters Degrees (Research) and Doctoral Degrees (Research) are offered.

(6) In a letter dated 15 July 2013, the Vice-Chancellor of Torrens University Australia wrote to TEQSA committing Torrens University Australia to offer programs in three broad fields of study by January 2014, and to offer both undergraduate and postgraduate programs in those fields of study by early 2015.

(7) Torrens University Australia acknowledges that it needs to implement plans to meet all the Threshold Standards no later than the first trimester of 2015.

### **Commencement of undertaking**

(8) This undertaking comes into effect when:

- (i) the undertaking is executed by Torrens University Australia; and
- (ii) TEQSA accepts the undertaking so executed.

(9) Upon the commencement of this undertaking, Torrens University Australia undertakes to assume the obligations set out in paragraph 10 below.

### **Undertakings**

(10) Torrens University Australia undertakes for the purposes of section 125 of the Act to:

- (i) Commence delivery of the courses listed in its letter of 15 July 2013, including a Bachelor of Commerce, a research Master of Philosophy and Doctor of Philosophy and other postgraduate qualifications in the fields of Management and Commerce, Health and Education, by January 2014.

(ii) Commence delivery of undergraduate courses in at least three fields of study by the first trimester of 2015.

(11) Torrens University Australia may withdraw or vary the undertaking at any time with the consent of TEQSA.

**Acknowledgments**

(12) Torrens University Australia acknowledges that:

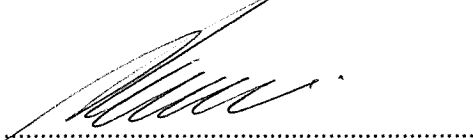
(i) TEQSA will make this Undertaking publicly available including by publishing it on TEQSA's National Register of Higher Education Providers;

(ii) TEQSA may, from time to time, make public reference to the Undertaking including in news media statements and in TEQSA publications; and

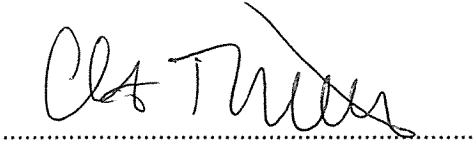
(iii) this Undertaking in no way derogates from the rights and remedies available to any other person arising from the alleged conduct.

**Executed by**

Torrens University Australia Ltd ABN 99 154 937 005 and by its authorised officers pursuant to section 127(1) of the *Corporations Act 2001*.



Director



Director

This 27<sup>th</sup> day of August 2013

**ACCEPTED BY THE TERTIARY EDUCATION QUALITY AND STANDARDS AGENCY PURSUANT TO SECTION 125 OF THE TERTIARY EDUCATION QUALITY AND STANDARDS AGENCY ACT 2011.**



Dr Carol Nicoll PSM  
Chief Commissioner

This 1<sup>st</sup> day of September 2013