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## TEQSA rated highly in national sector-wide survey

More than 80 per cent of stakeholders have rated the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency highly in a sector-wide survey, saying it is doing an excellent or good job.

The results of a survey sent to 194 higher education providers and 24 peak, professional and student bodies have been incorporated in the *TEQSA Regulator Performance Framework Report 2015-2016 (RPF Report)*.

With a 63 per cent response rate to the survey, the TEQSA Chief Executive Officer Mr Anthony McClaran stated that TEQSA greatly appreciated the commitment by respondents, as well as their willingness to provide open and frank feedback.

“It is great to see that the majority of stakeholders recognise that TEQSA continues to consult with the sector to improve its regulatory framework,” Mr McClaran said.

He also noted that 81 per cent of Vice-Chancellors and Chief Executive Officers from higher education providers also rated TEQSA highly for its open, transparent and consistent dealings.

Mr McClaran advised that the survey feedback identified a range of learnings for TEQSA to reflect on, and would help TEQSA better understand its impact on higher education providers, increase accountability and improve performance.

The report, validated by the Higher Education Standards Panel, covers progress made in the 2015–16 financial year to meet performance measures in the framework.

It is the first report of its kind to come from TEQSA under the Commonwealth Government’s Regulator Performance Framework (RPF), released in October 2014 as a requirement for all Commonwealth regulators that administer, monitor or enforce regulation.

As Australia’s independent national regulator of the higher education sector, TEQSA oversees public and private providers including 40 universities.

**The *TEQSA Regulator Performance Framework Report 2015-2016* and the *TEQSA Stakeholder Survey report 2016* are available at [www.teqsa.gov.au/about/corporate-plan](http://www.teqsa.gov.au/about/corporate-plan)**

### Notes for editor:

1. The Commonwealth Government released its [Regulator Performance Framework](#) (RPF or the Framework) in October 2014. The Framework applies from 1 July 2015, with the first assessment period covering the 2015–16 financial year.
2. Under the Framework, TEQSA was required to self-assess its performance, and then obtain external validation of that self-assessment. The Framework does not prescribe an approach for how self-assessments should be conducted, outside of the specific requirements that they be conducted annually, externally validated through an approved stakeholder consultation mechanism and made publicly available. TEQSA conducted a stakeholder survey in July 2016 to obtain sector feedback on its performance for 2015-2016 against the RPF Framework.
3. The Higher Education Standards Panel (HESP) validated the RPF Report 2015-2016 on 4 November 2016.