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Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency

Social Cohesion Roundtable Meeting with Vice-Chancellors

Chair: Dr Mary Russell

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Acknowledgement of Country

In the spirit of reconciliation, TEQSA acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of Country throughout Australia and their connections to land, sea and community. We pay our respect to their Elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples today.

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Agenda

- **Introduction**
Acknowledgement of Country
Meeting etiquette
- **Opening remarks**
Minister for Education the Hon. Jason Clare MP
- **TEQSA's ongoing work**
Dr Mary Russell TEQSA
- **Special Envoy to Combat Antisemitism in Australia**
Ms Jillian Segal AO
- **Race Discrimination Commissioner**
Mr Giridharan Sivaraman
- **Key themes – presentations and discussion**
- **Next steps**
- **Meeting close 2:00pm AEDT**

Meeting etiquette



Please mute your microphone when not speaking



Please use the raise your hand feature if you wish to speak



Please have your camera on when speaking



Please be mindful of time

Transitioning TEQSA's approach



Phase 1

Regulatory Response Group
Interim guidance
Engagement activities

**Response to
critical incidents**



Phase 2

Sector engagement
Updated regulatory
guidance
Supporting social cohesion

**Focus on system
improvement**



Phase 2 Goals



Update guidance
materials



Identify what is best
practice



Statement of Regulatory
Expectations – student
complaints and grievances

Key consultation activities (Nov-Feb)



University Meeting

Virtual, by invite
15 November 2024



Student Meeting

Virtual, by invite
20 November 2024



Vice-Chancellor's Roundtable

In-person, Canberra
February 2025



Engagement with peaks, providers, stakeholders
Consultation on draft materials
Publication of resources from early 2025

Discussion themes

1

Interpreting and upholding freedom of speech and academic freedom

2

Supporting student wellbeing and vulnerable students through contested and personalised issues

3

Managing and responding to protest activities, including outside actors

4

Managing conduct and misconduct

5

Strengthening social cohesion

6

Student complaint and grievance processes



10 minutes for each discussion topic
Countdown timer will appear 1 minute before time is up

Next steps

- Summary after meeting
- Engagement with peaks, providers, stakeholders
 - University meeting 15 November
 - Student meeting 20 November
- Consultation on draft materials
 - Vice-Chancellor's roundtable February 2025
- **Publication of draft guidance from early 2025**

Further information:



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