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**Victorian TAFE Association welcomes announcement of new
Victorian Skills Authority Advisory Board**

The Victorian TAFE Association (VTA), the peak body for Victoria's public VET providers, has welcomed the announcement by the State Government of the new Victorian Skills Authority Advisory Board.

Of note is the appointment of Lisa Line as chair of the Advisory Board. Ms Line was previously the Chief Executive Officer of The Gordon, and was most recently Swinburne University of Technology's Deputy Vice Chancellor, Pathways and Vocational Education. She brings to the role deep experience of vocational education and training, and skills issues, both in Australia and internationally.

The announcement of the Advisory Board follows the establishment of the Victorian Skills Authority itself, which was stood-up by the Government following the release earlier in the year of the *Skills for Victoria's Growing Economy Review* (Macklin Review), which made a series of recommendations including the establishment of a new body, "to act as a champion and steward of the skills system."

Importantly, the Authority will lead the development of an annual Skills Plan, which will provide for future skills planning and priorities.

High-level discussions between the Victorian Skills Authority and the VTA have already been positive and have underlined the critical role that the twelve standalone TAFE institutes and four dual sector universities play each day in providing quality vocational education and training across Victoria.

Comments attributable to VTA Executive Director, Jeremy Irvine

"The VTA has supported the establishment of the Victorian Skills Authority and the announcement of the Advisory Board is welcomed. The appointment of Lisa Line as chair has already been welcomed by many in the sector. Ms Line is a respected, experienced, and strategic vocational education and training leader who will bring much to this important role."

"We look forward to working with the Victorian Skills Authority and its Advisory Board."

"In 2020, and now in 2021, Victorian TAFEs have demonstrated their ability to be agile and innovative in their response to the training and skills needs of Victorians. As the Victorian Skills Authority's work progresses, TAFEs will be a critical and positive enabler of this work."

"Victorian TAFEs provide quality training and deliver practical solutions across their 90-plus campuses each day and are a key education, social and economic resource, owned by all Victorians."