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MEDIA RELEASE
New members appointed to ACECQA Board

The Chair of the Education Council, ACT Minister for Education Joy Burch, announced today that the Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA) has seven reappointed and five new Board members.

The new Board of ACECQA brings together a variety of expertise relevant to children's education and care from the Australian Government and each of the states and territories. It is responsible to the Education Council for the overall strategy, governance and performance of ACECQA.

Minister Burch said new members of the Board were nominated by Queensland, the Australian Capital Territory and the Australian Government, while other states and territories renominated Board members previously appointed to the inaugural ACECQA Board.

"I am pleased to announce the appointments of Mr Bernard Curran and Ms Catherine Hudson following the respective nominations by Queensland and the ACT," Minister Burch said.

"I congratulate them on their appointment and look forward to working with them as representatives of the ACECQA Board."

"I further congratulate the three Board appointees nominated by the Australian Government; Mr Nick Ryan, Ms Jackie Wilson and Ms Naomi Wilson," said Minister Burch.

Minister Burch said the Education Council had also agreed to a number of reappointments to the ACECQA Board including:

- Ms Rachel Hunter (Board Chair)
- Professor Collette Tayler (Victoria)
- Ms Tracey Bradley (Tasmania)
- Mr Mark Brown (Western Australia)
- Professor Alison Elliott (Northern Territory)
- Professor Pauline Harris (South Australia)
- Ms Tonia Godhard AM (New South Wales).

All members have been appointed until 31 December 2015 while the 2014 Council of Australian Governments Review of the National Partnership Agreement on the National Quality Agenda for Early Childhood Education and Care is completed and any recommendations implemented.

Minister Burch thanked outgoing Board members Ms Gayle Ginnane (Australian Government), Mr Michael Manthorpe PSM (Australian Government), Ms June McLoughlin (Australian Government), Ms Amanda Morphet (ACT) and Ms Anne Reddell (Queensland) for their work on the inaugural ACECQA Board, which was established in August 2011.

“The inaugural Board was instrumental in establishing ACECQA to deliver on its functions in overseeing and monitoring the implementation of the National Quality Framework for Early Childhood Education and Care,” she said.

More information about the ACECQA Board can be found at www.cecqa.gov.au.

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