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Dear Ms Pam Caven,

I am writing to advise you of the appointment of Mr Neil Edwards as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of TVET Australia. Mr Edwards will commence in this role on Monday 17 May.

Mr Edwards' appointment follows the decision of Mr Jim Davidson to vacate the position of CEO. The Board of TVET Australia wishes to express its thanks to Mr Davidson for his commitment and contribution to the company over the last year.

Mr Edwards brings more than 25 years experience spanning both government and industry sectors to the position of CEO, TVET Australia. He has considerable strengths and experience in strategic leadership and policy development and a sound appreciation of the levers that drive industry. His understanding of government, both Commonwealth and State, is exemplary, and he brings well developed networks across the jurisdictions in Australia.

Most recently, Mr Edwards has held the position of chief executive of the Chifley Business School, a specialist higher education and vocational education and training provider, where he developed new business channels, increased revenues and built the profile of the organisation within and beyond the higher education sector.

Previously, Mr Edwards has held various senior positions in the Commonwealth Government in the Departments of Prime Minister and Cabinet and also in the Department of Industry, Science and Technology. These positions had a focus on stakeholder management and industry partnerships. Appointed in 1999 as the Secretary of the Department of Innovation Industry and Regional Development (DIIRD), Victoria, Mr Edwards was responsible for managing a substantial portfolio which included the government's major interface with industry.

TVET Australia's position in the national training governance framework ensures that its services support the priorities of the Council of Australian Government (COAG) in delivering on key aspects of its national training reform agenda. TVET Australia has direct responsibility for supporting the implementation of national training policies as determined by the Ministerial Council for Tertiary Education and Employment. TVET Australia works closely with stakeholders to provide industry leadership for, and to improve the quality of, Australia's national training system.

In the interim, the Board has decided Ms Sharon Robertson, TVET Australia General Manager National Training System Support will act as Chief Executive Officer effective from Tuesday April 6.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rod Camm'.

Rod Camm
Acting Chair, TVET Australia

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