Independent Education Union of Australia NSW/ACT Branch

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Union welcomes new NESA board chair Carmel Tebbutt

The union representing teachers and professional and support staff in non-government schools welcomes the appointment of Carmel Tebbutt as the new chair of the board of the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA).

NESA is the independent statutory authority that sets syllabuses and monitors assessment, teacher accreditation and standards for all schools in NSW.

“The IEU welcomes the opportunity to work with Ms Tebbutt, who brings a wealth of experience across board, executive and parliamentary roles, including as a former NSW Education Minister,” said Independent Education Union of Australia NSW/ACT Branch Deputy Secretary David Towson, who is also a member of the NESA Board.

Ms Tebbutt was NSW Deputy Premier from 2008 to 2011, the first woman to hold the role. She becomes the first woman to chair the NESA board, appointed by the current Deputy Premier and Education Minister Prue Car.

“The union thanks outgoing NESA board chair Professor Peter Shergold,” Towson said.

“NESA’s work is critically important to teaching and learning in NSW. The IEU looks forward to working with Ms Tebbutt to ensure our members’ voices are heard.”

Ms Tebbutt will lead the NESA board from 1 January 2027.

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The IEUA NSW/ACT Branch represents over 32,000 teachers, principals and support staff in Catholic and independent schools, early childhood centres and post-secondary colleges.

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