



Australian Universities Accord

Update from Mary O’Kane – 1 December 2023

The Australian Universities Accord Review is nearing its end.

Since being established in November 2022, the Review has worked hard to understand the strengths and weaknesses of the higher education system as it sits within the broader tertiary sector, anticipate future challenges and opportunities, and identify how the sector may evolve to address these.

It has been a big year.

The Review has met forty-five times (and counting!)

Over three rounds of submissions, the Review has received more than 785 responses. It has sought advice and commissioned work from sector experts.

There have been well over 150 formal engagements with various stakeholders, and a large number of informal engagements.

There have also been three meetings of the Ministerial Reference Group, with the most recent meeting of this group chaired by the Minister for Education, the Hon Jason Clare MP, in Rockhampton on 2 November.

Each of these consultations has informed the Review’s analysis. Once again, on behalf of the Panel, I thank all those who have provided thoughtful advice and valuable feedback.

Mary O’Kane, Chair