

# ACT Teacher Quality Institute Board Appointment 2022 (No 2)

## Disallowable instrument DI2022 – 90

made under the

*ACT Teacher Quality Institute Act 2010*, Division 3.2, sections 14 and 15 and  
*Financial Management Act 1996* section 78 and 79.

## Explanatory Statement

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The *ACT Teacher Quality Institute Act 2010* (the Act) governs the establishment, functions and membership of the ACT Teacher Quality Institute.

Section 15 of the Act deals with the appointment of members and requires such appointments to be made by the Minister. Under S15 of the TQI Act 2010, the Minister is required to appoint 12 members as specified in S15(2) (a-l). S15 (1) allows the Minister to appoint up to 14 members.

The pending vacancy has arisen with the decision by the Minister in March 2021 to appoint a member representing the Early Childhood Education and Care sector.

This instrument appoints Ms Samantha Page, to fill the vacancy on the Board for a period of three years commencing the day after notification.

The appointee is not a public servant, and the determination is a disallowable instrument for the purpose of division 19.3.3 of the *Legislation Act 2001*.

**Ms Samantha Page** is Chief Executive Officer, Early Childhood Australia (ECA). ECA has a large national membership, is a respected publishing house, delivers a range of in-person and online professional learning and is the national delivery partner for Be You Early Learning, the National Mental Health in Education Initiative. Working to the Board, my role is to lead the organisation (85 EFT) to achieve strategic and financial objectives. I am also the key spokesperson to Federal/State Governments and the media.

Ms Page demonstrated she is an excellent advocate for Early Childhood Education and Care practitioners, showing deep immersion in advocacy and with early childhood issues across Australia and New Zealand. She has current, contemporary and long term (nine years) experience in advocacy, in her role as Chief Executive Officer of Early Childhood Australia, whose core business is to deliver services to and meet the needs of ECEC practitioners. Her membership of the ACT Children and Young People Death Review Committee can contribute to the TQI Board insight into the work and responsibilities of an ACT statutory Board. Ms Page demonstrated strong networks amongst ECEC practitioners in the ACT and nationally.

**Current position**

Chief Executive Officer, Early Childhood Australia

**Work History**

- 2005-2012 Executive Director, Family and Relationship Services, Australia
- 2005 - Senior Social Policy Advisor, Dr Deb Foskey Member, ACT Legislative Assembly
- 2003-4 Senior Officer, Disability ACT
- Executive Officer, Commonwealth Department of Family and Community Services (now Department of Social Services)
- 2001-2005 Principal Consultant, The Nucleus Group
- 2001-2002 Deputy Director, ACT Council of Social Service
- 1999-2001 Consultant, Spice Consulting (MS Society)
- 1994-1999 Vocational Training, then Disability Employment Service Manager, Hornsby Challenge Foundation.

**Qualifications**

- Master of Management (Community), University of Technology, Sydney
- Bachelor of Arts (Psychology Major), Sydney University

The Legislative Standing Committee on Education and Inclusion was consulted and has no objections to the appointment.