

Australian Technology Network

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Curtin University
of Technology



University of
South Australia



RMIT University



University of Technology,
Sydney



Queensland University
of Technology

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The Australian Technology Network, (ATN) has appointed Vicki Thomson to the position of Director.

Ms Thomson, who was previously the Director, Communications, with the Australian Vice-Chancellors' Committee, will be based in Adelaide, South Australia.

The Australian Technology Network (ATN) is a national body of five leading Australian universities:

- Curtin University
- Queensland University of Technology
- Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology
- University of South Australia
- University of Technology, Sydney.

Together, these universities represent 20 percent of Australia's student load and 26 percent of the international student load and collectively spend about \$100 million annually on research.

In announcing the appointment, ATN Convenor and Vice-Chancellor of the Queensland University of Technology, Professor Peter Coaldrake, said the higher education sector was at a critical juncture with Federal Parliament about to consider a raft of reforms which will impact on not just the sector, but industry, business, professions and the community.

"The ATN is focussed on outcomes – outcomes for our 137,000 students, for our national industry and business sectors and importantly for the broader community.

"As an industry group, the ATN has a powerful base from which to ensure that any reform package is considered in the context of delivering these outcomes," Professor Coaldrake said.

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