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Charity Commissioner Nomination Welcomed

The Independent Schools Council of Australia (ISCA) has today welcomed the Federal Government's announcement that Ms Susan Pascoe AM will be nominated to become the first Commissioner of the new Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC).

Ms Pascoe has hands on experience in dealing with issues associated with operating schools and has shown a sound understanding of the impact proposed changes in the not-for-profit (NFP) operating environment may have for the independent schools sector.

Mr Barry Wallett, Deputy Executive Director of ISCA, said that Ms Pascoe has shown a willingness to listen to the concerns of independent schools and considerable progress has been made in addressing some of the implications of the proposed reforms.

"More than 1,000 independent schools receiving recurrent funding from Governments are not-for-profit institutions and will be covered by the new ACNC legislative arrangements," Mr Wallett said.

"There are still aspects of the proposed reforms that are of particular interest to independent schools including the definition of charity, governance, reporting duplication and some aspects of the fundraising reforms," he said.

"ISCA looks forward to working with the Government and Ms Pascoe to ensure that independent schools and their school communities are fully compliant with the final requirements of the NFP reform package," Mr Wallett said.

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