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### **Carmel Tebbutt heads up Medical Deans**

Medical Deans today announced the appointment of Carmel Tebbutt to the position of Chief Executive Officer of Medical Deans Australia and New Zealand.

Ms Tebbutt commences in the position on 19 October 2015

This appointment follows the election of a new leadership Executive team for Medical Deans, led by the President, Professor Nicholas Glasgow in June this year

‘This is an outstanding appointment for the organisation,’ said Professor Glasgow

‘Carmel brings a wealth of knowledge, experience and networks in the health and education sector. She is widely respected and is well known for her strong negotiating skills and working collaboratively with many stakeholders’, Professor Glasgow said.

Carmel Tebbutt comes to the position following eleven years executive experience as a Minister and senior member of the Cabinet in the NSW Parliament with portfolio responsibilities across a number of areas including education and training, health, community services and environment.

Ms Tebbutt said she was excited about her new role. ‘There are many challenges confronting medical education and research. I am looking forward to using my skills to forward the objectives of the Medical Dean's.’

Ms Tebbutt said ‘One of my first tasks will be to meet with members and stakeholders to hear first-hand about the key issues for the sector.’

Members also welcomed the announcement and are confident that Ms Tebbutt is just the right person to represent and manage the organisation at this time in its development.

Professor Judy Searle is retiring from the position after nearly two and half years at the helm.

More information, CEO – Professor Judy Searle 0498 138 035 or Professor Nicholas Glasgow 02 8084 6557

#### **Medical Deans Facts**

- Medical Deans is the peak body representing professional entry-level medical education, training and research in Australia and New Zealand
- Medical Deans membership includes all 20 with accredited medical schools in Australia and New Zealand
- There are currently 21 accredited medical schools in Australia and New Zealand with University of Notre Dame having 2 separate schools.
- In 2013, 3876 students graduated medicine from an Australian or New Zealand medical school
- In 2014, 4290 students commenced their medical degree at an Australian or New Zealand medical school.
- The Medical Deans office is based in the Sydney CBD  
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