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## **Announcement: AITSL CEO to head up Department of Education, WA.**

AITSL Chair, Laureate Professor John Hattie, congratulates the Western Australian Department of Education on its appointment of Lisa Rodgers as Director General.

Ms Rodgers has resigned as AITSL CEO and will start her new role in late January 2019.

“As AITSL Chair, I would like to thank Ms Rodgers for her astute leadership and ability to drive our important work to promote excellence across the teaching profession,” Prof Hattie said.

“Immediate past WA Director General of Education Sharyn O’Neill has done much to improve the WA education system and Ms Rodgers will build on that. And just as she does at AITSL, she will work closely with all stakeholders to improve the practice and outcomes for teachers and students alike.”

Ms Rodgers thanked the AITSL Board for its support and the opportunity to advocate for high quality education in all Australian schools.

“Education is at the heart of supporting young people to be the best they can be, and it’s been a privilege to lead AITSL and keep our school students at the centre of everything we do,” Ms Rodgers said.

“I’m really pleased and honoured to have the opportunity to lead public schooling in Western Australia.”

Prof Hattie said AITSL has already started to put in place plans for an interim-CEO role, before a more extensive search for a permanent CEO.

“Our key focus remains on working hard to deliver the AITSL strategic plan in collaboration with all systems and sectors, and all jurisdictions, to secure a high-quality education system, where the learning of Australian children comes first,” Prof Hattie said.

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