

## THE HON. LUKE HARTSUYKER MP

## MINISTER FOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEPUTY LEADER OF THE HOUSE

Our Ref MC15-004278

Ms 'Tricia Blombery Convener Standing Committee for Education Australian Federation of Graduate Women Inc 11 Park Road MARRICKVILLE NSW 2204

2 1 OCT 2015

## Dear Ms Blombery

Thank you for your letter of 23 September 2015 offering your congratulations on my appointment as Minister for Vocational Education and Skills. It is a great honour to have been offered this role in this very important sector.

Thank you also for providing me with information about the valuable work of your organisation. The activities undertaken by the Australian Federation of Graduate Women, both in Australia and internationally, are key in promoting the importance of education for women and girls.

I note your praise of the sectoral reform work undertaken by Minister Birmingham. I can assure you that our Vocational Education and Training (VET) sector goals remain focused on developing the right skills needed for jobs, and ensuring the sector has the agility and innovation to cope with industry demands for the future. We are doing this by increasing the quality and raising the status of VET amongst industry, community, families and students.

Once again, thank you for your letter and I wish you and your organisation well.

Yours sincerely

LUKE HARTSUYKER