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ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS

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

Dear Ms Blombery

Thank you for your letter of 18 July 2016 congratulating me on my recent appointment as the Assistant Minister for Vocational Education and Skills.

I am honoured the Prime Minister, the Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP, has appointed me to take on this important role in the 45th Parliament of Australia.

Australia's economic growth and business productivity will be enhanced by a strong vocational education and training system. A dynamic sector is required for people gaining qualifications to reach their full potential. With a vocational qualification graduates can contribute their talents throughout the economy, from small businesses to large nation building infrastructure projects. I want the millions of people undertaking vocational education and training to acquire the skills necessary for life-long learning and career opportunities.

As one of only two female graduates in mechanical engineering at Queensland University of Technology in 1983 I share your passion for the promotion of science, technology, engineering and mathematics careers for women.

Thank you again for your good wishes and I look forward to working with the Federation to deliver the best possible outcomes for all students of Australia's vocational education and training system.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Karen Andrews'.

Karen Andrews MP