

## ATN WELCOMES LABOR'S FIRST MINISTRY

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The Australian Technology Network of Universities (ATN) looks forward to reforming higher education and research in cooperation with the Albanese Government's new Ministry which was sworn in today.

The appointment of Jason Clare as Minister for Education and Senator Anthony Chisholm as Assistant Minister for Education are positive steps to strengthen the higher education sector.

We are keen to work with the Government across a range of portfolios – we also welcome Brendan O'Connor in Skills and Training, Ed Husic in Industry and Science, Clare O'Neil in Home Affairs and Cyber Security, Senator Don Farrell in Trade and Tourism, and Andrew Giles in Immigration

As Australia's most innovative and enterprising universities, with a shared objective of excellence and inclusion, ATN universities sees many opportunities to partner with the new Labor Government on delivering their vision for a fairer and more aspirational society.

We also wish to acknowledge the former Shadow Minister for Education Tanya Plibersek for her long-standing commitment to education and her contribution to Labor's education policy agenda.

ATN thanks the outgoing Acting Minister for Education Stuart Robert for his leadership and engagement with the sector.

### Quotes attributable to ATN Executive Director Luke Sheehy:

"ATN is focused on building a fairer and more inclusive higher education sector that creates and shares opportunities for all. This is clearly in line with the Albanese Government's vision of a fairer and more aspirational society.

"We congratulate Jason Clare on his appointment as Minister for Education and look forward to working closely with him to help deliver on Labor's vision for higher education, such as allocating 20,000 additional places, implementing Startup Year and shaping the universities accord."

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