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PROFESSOR DEBORAH TERRY AO

Vice Chancellor and President of The University of Queensland (UQ)

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Professor Deborah Terry AO is a highly experienced leader in the Australian university sector – and an internationally recognised scholar in psychology.

Since August 2020, Professor Terry has served as Vice-Chancellor and President of The University of Queensland (UQ). Prior to this, she was Vice-Chancellor of Curtin University in Western Australia, from 2014 to 2020.

Having grown up in Perth and Canberra, Professor Terry completed her PhD in Social Psychology at the Australian National University in Canberra. She moved to Brisbane in 1990 to begin her academic career in UQ's School of Psychology. Between 1990 and 2014, Professor Terry progressed through a range of academic positions at UQ before moving into senior university leadership roles, eventually becoming Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor.

Professor Terry is a Fellow and past President of the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia and an appointed member of the Australian Research Council Advisory Council. She currently serves on the Board of the Australia and New Zealand School of Government, AARNET and the National Schools Resourcing Board. She is also a former Chair of the Board of Universities Australia and a member of the Universitas 21 Executive Committee.

Professor Terry was made an Officer in the General Division of the Order of Australia (AO) in June 2015, in recognition of her distinguished service to education in the tertiary sector



JOE KELLY MP

Co-Chair, Queensland Parliamentary Friends of Latin America

Joe Kelly has been the State Member for Greenslopes since 2015, and is Deputy Speaker of the Queensland Parliament. He was trained as a nurse and served at Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital. Since entering Parliament, he has championed legislative reform to deliver nurse-to-patient ratios aimed at improved health outcomes for the state.

Joe has been Chair of the Parliamentary Ethics Committee, and Chair of the Agriculture and Environment Committee during the introduction of plastic bag bans in Queensland.

During the 1990s, Joe was fortunate to spend time in New York City where he spent a lot of time within Latin American communities and then travelled extensively in Central and South America with visits to Puerto Rico. Joe was able to study Spanish in Guatemala, Ecuador and here in Australia.

The Australian Latin American Leadership Program was run for the first time in 2009. Joe was selected as one of 18 emerging leaders from Australia to join with 18 leaders from Latin America. The purpose of the program is to build long-term links between the two regions.

Joe continues to work with the Latin American community and has now established and co-chairs the Queensland Parliamentary Friends of Latin America group. At the Annual ALABC Dinner in Brisbane three years ago, Joe flagged his view that the Queensland Parliament needed a Friends of Latin America Group to focus more emphasis on Latin America. Joe says he set this group up to broaden the thinking of Members of Parliament about the opportunities in Latin America and to promote better direct engagement between the Latin American community and Member of Parliament.

The Latin American Ambassadors endorsed the formation of the Friends group, flying in from Canberra for the event, highlighting the importance of the initiative. ALABC was also very much involved in the launch. The group will be a vital cog in taking Queensland's Latin American relationships, business and community links to the next level. Given that Queensland is home to large LATAM expat populations, and that there is a rapidly growing consciousness of Latin American culture, food and business, Joe Kelly believes the timing of the launch of the Friends group has been perfect.