

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **IRU welcomes new Executive Director – Mr Conor King**

Professor Sandra Harding, IRU Chair and Vice-Chancellor James Cook University has announced the appointment of Mr Conor King as Executive Director IRU.

“I am delighted Mr King has come on board after four months as Acting Director and am confident he will make an outstanding contribution to IRU. Conor has senior level experience in government, an indepth knowledge of policy issues and a detailed understanding of the strategic challenges and opportunities faced by higher education providers”.

Mr King comes to IRU from PhillipsKPA, a tertiary sector consulting group, where he has been a Principal Consultant since 2005. Prior to joining PhillipsKPA, Conor was Director of Policy with the then Australian Vice-Chancellors’ Committee (1998-2005) and Institutional Strategist at Victoria University (2006-2008).

Mr King said he is very pleased to be joining IRU and is looking forward to working with the seven member universities to advance the group’s goals. He takes up his appointment on 1 February 2011.

IRU is a network of seven comprehensive Australian universities - advising government, sharing knowledge and creating opportunities via collaboration and partnership.

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