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Deferral of TEQSA legislation sensible

The Innovative Research Universities (IRU) welcomes the decision of Senator Evans, the Minister for Tertiary Education, Jobs, Skills and Workplace Relations to defer introduction of the bill to establish the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency pending further discussions and amendments to the current draft of the bill.

"The IRU strongly supports the establishment of TEQSA to oversee the quality and standards arrangements needed to support the future higher education system." said IRU Chair, Professor Sandra Harding.

"It is important we get TEQSA and the various standards and quality requirements right,

We have the time to rework the bill while allowing passage in the first half of 2011. This will have TEQSA in place prior to the changed funding arrangements which will allow students greater choice of university." Professor Harding said.

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