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Key points

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- Paul's focus for AIS is to build on its strong legacy of skilling Australia's workforce, through well informed, innovative and targeted skills solutions to support life-long learning.
- Paul has a strong foundation of knowledge from business operations, international workforce development and leading organisational change.

Australian Industry Standards (AIS) is delighted to welcome Paul Walsh as its new CEO.

Paul has been a key member of the AIS executive and leadership team over the past 8 years including 4 years as its Chief Operating Officer. He has distinguished himself as an energetic and visionary leader and brings with him a comprehensive knowledge of the Vocational Education and Training (VET) system and policy.

Announcing the appointment, AIS Board Chair Laurie D'Apice said "Paul is ideally placed to take over the responsibility and see the organisation forward on its journey as a leading skills service provider to support industry with its workforce development needs and the Australian economy more broadly. Paul has a strong focus and proven ability in building connections across a range of key industries and stakeholders to support skills development and to contribute positively to Australia's workforce capability."

"Paul's strong track record of accomplishments includes his work on the international stage, most notably in the Pacific Alliance, APEC and IORA regions, where he has supported skills development and promoted the Australian VET system. Paul's diverse background, including over 30 years in the transport industry from operational roles to company owner, also brings a strong understanding of business needs."

"I am honored and looking forward to leading AIS as it takes on its next journey to support Australia's training needs post COVID-19. I am focused on further building our expertise and strong industry connections to deliver innovative approaches to support the workforce of the future", said Paul Walsh.

"The team at AIS is committed to making a real difference to people's lives and supporting the life-long learning continuum. I will continue to set a high bar to ensure we deliver our vision to skill Australia's workforce, for better lives and a sustainable and prosperous nation."

The AIS Board extends its thanks to former CEO Robert Adams for his many achievements during his long tenure with the business and wishes him all the best in his retirement.

About AIS

AIS is an independent, not-for-profit Skills Service Organisation supporting industry and government to solve the emerging and future skills challenges facing Australia's businesses.

AIS is focused on future skilling Australia's workforce. Working in partnership with industry, the vocational education and training sector and government, it aims to further Australia's prosperity and competitiveness through life-long learning of Australians.

AIS works under the leadership of 11 Industry Reference Committees (IRCs) representing the aviation, transport and logistics, maritime, energy,

water and utilities, public safety, police, fire, defence and corrections sectors. Together these industries keep Australia productive, powered and secure.

AIS transforms careers through the power of skills and draws on its world-class, in-house technical expertise – built over more than 20 years – and extensive industry networks throughout Australia, to deliver solutions for industry. It undertakes research and data analysis to inform intelligence modelling; develop priority training package products, as well as skills and workforce development solutions – nationally and across the globe.

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Biography – Paul Walsh

Paul Walsh is the Chief Executive Officer of Australian Industry Standards (AIS). He has been a member of the AIS executive and leadership team since 2012, previously leading its operations and overseeing the newly established AIS Global business unit. He previously held positions in transport and logistics industry operations both as an employee and as a company owner amassing more than 30 years of experience.

Paul was instrumental in seeing AIS expand its portfolio in 2016 to 11 industry sectors and establishing new working arrangements for Industry Reference Committees (IRCs) for the respective training package development. He oversaw the management of these IRCs, while also providing strategic advice to government on ongoing improvement measures for the Australian VET system. Paul has built strong enduring relationships with key industry stakeholders – from grass-root enterprises to the bigger end of business, regulators and representatives of Federal and State Governments.

Paul has extensive experience in International Skills Capability Building Projects involving the establishment of skills recognition frameworks and enabling infrastructure needs across APEC, IORA and Pacific Alliance regions. These frameworks have been developed with a strong focus on developing current and future skills through industry engagement.

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