

MEDICAL DEANS AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND – NEW CEO

After a rigorous selection process, Medical Deans Australia and New Zealand have appointed **Ms Helen Craig** to the position of **CEO of Medical Deans**.

Helen has a strong and extensive background in leadership, health policy, advocacy and senior management. She is currently employed as Manager, Strategic Policy and Advocacy with the Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP). Prior to this role, Helen was employed as Chief Executive Officer with the Rural Health Education Foundation, a non-profit health education organisation focused on supporting rural and remote healthcare professionals. Helen was also previously employed in the pharmaceutical industry (including heading up policy and government relations for the Australian operations) and in digital technology and software development.

Helen's experience in a membership based organisation and understanding of health workforce issues, particularly the needs of regional and rural Australia, and Indigenous health will be a great asset to Medical Deans, as will be her stakeholder management skills and wide network. Helen will commence on **5 March 2018** and Medical Deans looks forward to working with Helen to advance Medical Deans agenda in what will be a busy and challenging year.

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