



## NATIONAL COMMISSION OF AUDIT COVER SHEET FOR SUBMISSIONS

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Key areas of interest regarding the Commission's Review:

RUN is a group of six regionally based universities comprising CQUniversity, Southern Cross University, University of Ballarat, University of New England, University of Southern Queensland, and the University of the Sunshine Coast.

The submission details the contribution of regional universities, and RUN universities in particular, in helping to drive Australia's development. Regional universities help to unlock the human potential of their regions, and hence the nation, and enhance regional economic, social, cultural and environmental development, innovation and productivity.

The funding provided by the Commonwealth for teaching and learning, research, innovation and other activities is well spent. RUN universities teach more than nine per cent of students in Australia's public universities. They educate a higher proportion of distance education students, Indigenous students, and students from regional areas and low SES backgrounds than their metropolitan counterparts. RUN universities play an important role in addressing the low graduate attainment rates in regional Australia which are about half those of major cities.

RUN universities help train regional Australia's professional workforce and contribute to regional productivity growth, industrial diversification and innovation. Between 60-80% of RUN graduates are employed in regional Australia shortly after graduation.

The submission addresses the following specific terms of reference:

- Privatisation of Commonwealth Assets;
- Options to manage expenditure growth, including through reviewing existing policy settings, programs and discretionary spending;
- Scope of Government and the split roles of Commonwealth, State and Territory governments
- Improving the efficiency and effectiveness of government generally; and
- Commonwealth infrastructure.

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