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Important Message from **NATA**

NATA has announced that its Chief Executive Officer Jennifer Evans will retire in July 2026 following more than a decade as CEO and over 35 years of service to NATA.

In announcing her decision to retire Evans said: “It has been the privilege of my career to serve this extraordinary organisation and work alongside so many dedicated and talented people. Every day I see firsthand the best of NATA in action and NATA is trusted as such a vital part of Australia’s quality infrastructure.

“Stepping away is never easy, but the timing is right, and I am confident that NATA is well-positioned for the future.”

Under Jennifer’s leadership, NATA has strengthened its role in Australia’s quality infrastructure modernising accreditation service delivery and ICT, deepening stakeholder engagement, and elevating Australia’s voice internationally through her roles with APAC and ILAC.

NATA’s Chair Sanmarié Schlebusch paid tribute to Jennifer’s leadership following her announcement.

“Jennifer’s scientific rigour, plain-spoken leadership and commitment to collaboration have left a deep and positive mark on NATA and the wider accreditation and conformity assessment community. We are grateful for her stewardship and the steady confidence she has inspired in our people, our members, our assessors and our stakeholders.

“As CEO, Jennifer has delivered significant organisational change in accreditation service delivery, ICT modernisation, stakeholder engagement, and most recently NATA’s communications and messaging, strengthening our relevance and reach. Her influence, representing Australian interests, has also been felt on the international stage.”

The NATA Board will soon commence a formal, competitive process to

appoint NATA's next CEO. Evans will officially retire on July 10, 2026.

Yours sincerely,

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