

## **Australian Council of TESOL Associations**

## **Announcement**

The ACTA Council regretfully announces that on March 21, 2024, the President of VicTESOL notified the ACTA Secretary of VicTESOL's resignation from ACTA, effective immediately. No reasons were given. To read the resignation email, click here.

Please note that ACTA's membership consists of State and Territory TESOL associations. It is a national peak Council and does not have direct individual members. The Council is formed by associations appointing their Councillors based on their member numbers.

The ACTA Council believes that VicTESOL's resignation from ACTA is particularly unfortunate at this time, given the traction currently gained with federal Government authorities through ACTA's advocacy and other work for EAL/D teachers and their learners (First Nations, migrant and refugee-background in school and post-school sectors). For details, please read the President's report to the 2024 AGM here.

The ACTA Council has resolved to continue to work on behalf of EAL/D teachers and learners across Australia, including in Victoria. Provision will be made for VicTESOL members to continue to contribute to our work if they so desire. In regard to other ACTA activities (notably, the annual <a href="Penny McKay Award">Penny McKay Award</a>), VicTESOL members should seek the ACTA President's advice as to how they might remain eligible. Our journal TESOL in Context, which is our largest budget item, will continue as an open access on-line publication.

The ACTA Council hopes that VicTESOL can resolve the problems that have led to the resignation of this association as an ACTA member.

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