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STATEMENT

**CANBERRA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
ANNUAL REPORT 2019**

**Presented by
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Madam Speaker, today I am tabling the Canberra Institute of Technology's (CIT) Annual Report for 2019.

CIT continues to be a key contributor to the prosperity of the ACT economy and community. Through innovative courses and the delivery of quality vocational education and training CIT is addressing skill shortages in many vital occupations, supporting advancements in emerging sectors and helping the ACT Government deliver on its key workforce priorities.

As the training provider of choice for many small and medium enterprises 2019 has seen increased demand for courses in cyber security, ICT, aged care, nursing, and children education and care services.

Campus renewal has been a major focus over the past few years with CIT modernising its facilities to provide the best learning opportunities and environments for optimal student outcomes. The relocation of music to CIT Reid and the launch of a state-of-the-art allied health care centre in 2019 are further contributions to these major improvements.

In late 2019, the ACT Government announced its decision to build a new CIT campus in the Woden Town Centre while retaining a presence in the city. This new state-of-art campus will strengthen CIT's existing campuses in Fyshwick, Bruce, Gungahlin and Tuggeranong and open up a range of new collaboration opportunities for CIT students, with local businesses, industry and the broader community.

CIT was again recognised as the ACT Large Training Provider of the year and one of three finalists at the National Training Awards held in Brisbane in November. This is the second time in three years that CIT has been named in the top three large vocational education providers in the nation.

CIT was also recognised for the ACT Industry Collaboration award for cyber security and a finalist for this category at the National Training Awards.

These awards are recognition that CIT is continuing to meet the needs of industry while working collaboratively with businesses, the community and students to achieve excellence in a fast paced tertiary education sector.

CIT annual surveys showed a high level of student and employer satisfaction. Ninety percent of students surveyed said they were satisfied with their experience at CIT, six percent above its target. Employer satisfaction levels exceeded CIT's expectations by 13 percent, with 90 percent saying they were satisfied with their experience working with CIT.

CIT has been leading the ACT VET sector adapting innovative relationships with industry and driving a culture of innovation and collaboration to encourage staff to adopt new thinking to deliver innovative training solutions.

Highlighting the quality of CIT's innovative teaching and training in 2019 was the delivery of Orange Wolves - a three-day multi-disciplinary immersive experience conceptualised and developed by CIT students, across a range of disciplines. This hands-on learning opportunity exemplifies the significance of vocational education and training.

As the annual report details, in 2019 CIT expanded and strengthened its partnerships with business and industry connections through a dedicated Business Growth and Development team established in 2018.

The annual report includes an impressive record of these vital relationships, highlighting the integral, and often underestimated, role CIT plays in the fabric of Canberra's culture and economy.

Thank you.

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