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CEW applauds the leadership of Helen Conway as WGEA Director

SYDNEY, 18 NOVEMBER 2014: The members of Chief Executive Women have praised the important work done by Helen Conway, who has announced her resignation as Director of the Workplace Gender Equality Agency (WGEA) in March 2015.

Helen Conway has shown tremendous leadership in striving for gender equality in Australian workplaces and organisations. She has been a champion of measuring the gender data to show that actions speak louder than words. Next week, the first set of Australian workplace gender data covering more than 4 million employees is due to be released by WGEA.

Christine Christian, President of CEW, said: “We fully support the need to measure gender data in organisations as a means of boosting the Australian economy through the empowerment of women. Helen’s tremendous contribution at WGEA has set a high bar for this.

“As Australia and other G20 nations have committed to further reducing the gap between women and men’s workforce participation, we look forward to seeing the work of a dedicated agency such as WGEA continuing and strengthening,” said Ms Christian.

CEW represents more than 300 senior women leaders from the corporate, public service, academic and not-for-profit sectors. We support increased workforce participation of women at every level, and have fought for almost 30 years to enable more women leaders in Australian organisations.

Helen Conway’s talents as a leader were recognised by CEW some years ago when she became the first recipient of a CEW scholarship. She has written about the value of that experience [here](#).