

***Online Formative Assessment Initiative:  
By Teachers for Teachers***



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***Abstract***

The Online Formative Assessment Initiative aims to streamline and enhance teachers' efforts to meet the learning needs of their students.

The initiative is being developed in collaboration with teachers. It is working towards a future where teachers across Australia can access a network of tools to help them easily identify where students are in their learning and monitor their progress. It aims to provide teachers with opt-in innovative assessment solutions that integrate resources, data collection and analytical tools.

This session will share the journey of the initiative to date and explore the potential for the initiative to support formative assessment in teaching practice.

## ***Biography***



Deb is a recognised leader of policy and strategy at the national level and her experience spans the full education spectrum including: curriculum, assessment, teaching and learning, inclusive education, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander policy, school performance and improvement, and early learning. She is currently the Chair of the Online Formative Assessment Initiative Project Management Board.

Deb joined the ACT Education Directorate in 2016 as the Deputy Director-General, System Policy and Reform. Deb came to the ACT Government from the Commonwealth Department of Education and Training where she held a number of senior executive roles including A/Deputy Secretary - Schools and Youth Cluster and Group Manager - Schooling. Before joining the Commonwealth Department in early 2013, Deb held a range of senior positions in the Northern Territory Department of Education including Deputy Chief Executive.



Deb started her career as a primary teacher in south-western Sydney. She has been a lecturer in Mathematics Education, and a Bachelor of Teaching coordinator at the University of New South Wales before spending 15 years in Northern Territory Education. Deb holds a Master of Education in Curriculum Development and a Master of International Management.