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## **Anna Bligh to deliver ACEL Hedley Beare Memorial Lecture** *The Lighting of a flame: Education as a transformational force*

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This Hedley Beare annual memorial lecture is hosted by ACEL as a dedication to the great Australian educator. In 2016, the lecture will be delivered by Anna Bligh, who served as Premier of QLD for almost 5 years, until March 2012. During her political career she held ministerial responsibilities for a number of portfolios including Education, Social Welfare, Arts, Economic and State Development, Infrastructure, Finance, and Treasury. Anna Bligh is currently CEO of YWCA NSW, a not-for-profit organisation working together with women, children, young people and their families. Programs include literacy and numeracy support, respectful relationships education, youth mentoring and leadership programs, right through to homelessness and domestic violence support services.

Aasha Murthy, CEO of ACEL (Australian Council for Educational Leaders) says " This is a very significant event on our calendar and an opportunity for the education community to gather together and celebrate the life and work of Hedley Beare. We look forward to hearing Anna share her insights on education as a transformational force, and share her perspective on the impact of education in the wider community.

The lecture is this Friday 26th February at SMC Centre, 66 Goulburn Street Sydney from 5pm – 6pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

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