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Geoff Scott is Pro-Vice Chancellor (Quality) at the University of Western Sydney, Australia and Provost of its Penrith Campus.

Over the past thirty years Scott has led or studied major change projects in schools, post-secondary and higher education within Australia and in a range of overseas countries including South Africa, Cambodia, New Zealand, Canada, USA and Scandinavia.

He has served on a range of ministerial advisory panels including, in 2009, the Higher Education Indicator Development Group and in 2010, as Universities Australia representative on the Green Skills Agreement Implementation Group. He has produced a range of commissioned reports for national reviews – including a commissioned report on student engagement and retention for the 2008 Review of Australian Higher Education. Other national projects have included the production of the [CEQuery](#) software that has enabled Australian universities to analyse more than 1 million ‘best aspect’ and ‘needs improvement’ comments on the national higher education Course Experience Questionnaire; and the study of 500 effective higher education leaders published as [Learning Leaders in Times of Change](#).

He has undertaken a range of national and international research studies on university student learning, sustainability, change management and leadership. He currently leads the UWS Sustainability initiative and in this role was a visiting scholar at Harvard, Tufts and Arizona State Universities in 2008 and in 2010 is a member of the planning group for a CEO development program on sustainability with the Sustainable Futures Academy. Keynote addresses on this work in 2010 include those given to the Australian Green Universities Conference, the Universities Australia Conference and the UNESCO-Microsoft Educational Leaders Forum.

In 2000 Scott was elected as a Fellow of the Australian College of Education for his national and international contributions to post-secondary and higher education, and in 2007 was the recipient of the Australian Higher Education Quality Award.

His latest book - [Turnaround Leadership for Higher Education](#) - with Canada’s Michael Fullan was published by Jossey-Bass/Wiley in April 2009 and was a focus for the US Colleges’ Bellwether Awards in 2010. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the [Australian Council for Educational Research](#).