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John Beever is a graduate in Economics and Politics who became a journalist then speech writer for Australian Ministers. He went on to specialise in government communications such as the Australian Government's Plain English Program before representing a major health profession. John convened the Professions Reference Group when registration and accreditation of Australian health professions was made national. That led to his present appointment as CEO of NAATI, the national certification organisation for Australian translators and interpreters.

Languages and Community Cohesion

Australia was a pioneer in the certification of community interpreters and translators when in 1977 it created the National Authority for Accreditation of Translators and Interpreters (NAATI) to strengthen social inclusion and participation by helping meet the nation's diverse and changing communication needs. In the years since several countries have created similar institutions, some of them based on the Australian experience, all addressing similar challenges of social cohesion in diversity. The need for high standards and quality assurance in translating and interpreting in Australia remain as compelling as when NAATI was created. NAATI will review developments in the certification of translators and interpreters internationally and what that means for the future of the Australian system. It will detail the major upgrading of the Australian system now underway which will ensure Australia remains at the leading edge in this field.