



THE SENATE

EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

**Universities Accord (Australian Tertiary Education Commission) Bill 2025 and the
Universities Accord (Australian Tertiary Education Commission) (Consequential and
Transitional Provisions) Bill 2025**

**PUBLIC HEARING
Friday 13 February 2026**

**Committee Room 2S3
Parliament House, Canberra**

Time	Witness
8.45 am	Group of Eight Universities (via videoconference) (Submission 27) Ms Vicki Thomson, Chief Executive Innovative Research Universities (Submission 42) Mr Paul Harris, Executive Director Distinguished Professor George Williams, Chair (via videoconference)
9.30 am	Universities Australia (Submission 51) Mr Luke Sheehy, Chief Executive Officer
10.15 am	Break
10.30 am	National Tertiary Education Union (via videoconference) (Submission 18) Dr Terri MacDonald, Director of Policy and Research Mr Kieran McCarron, Policy and Research Officer
11.15 am	Department of Education (Submission 68) Ms Jasmina Joldic, Deputy Secretary, Higher Education, Research and International Group Ms Karen Sandercock, First Assistant Secretary, International Division Ms Jessica Mohr, First Assistant Secretary, Policy, Payments and Data Division Professor Barney Glover, Interim Chief Commissioner, Interim Australian Tertiary Education Commission Mr David Turvey, Executive Director, Interim Australian Tertiary Education Commission Ms Shannon Kunde, Director Stewardship, Interim Australian Tertiary Education Commission
11.45 am	Ms Claire Field (via videoconference) (Submission 15) Professor Andrew Norton (Submission 30)
12.00 pm	Adjournment

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