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Mr Gerry McNally
Committee Secretary
Senate Education and Employment Legislation Committee
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Dear Mr McNally,

Submission from the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia

The Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia (the Academy) welcomes the invitation by the Senate Education and Employment Legislation Committee to make a submission to its inquiry into the provisions of the *Higher Education Support Amendment (Response to the Australian Universities Accord Interim Report) Bill 2023 (the Bill)*.

The Academy unequivocally supports the amendment to extend demand driven funding for First Nations student. This is important and essential.

The Accord process presents a vital opportunity to reset and reposition the Australian university sector and the Academy looks forward to continuing to contribute to this important process.

Yours sincerely,

Professor Richard Holden FES FASSA
President