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**Submission to the Inquiry into the Treaty: Global Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications concerning Higher Education**

This is a good and sensible treaty for Australia.

The Treaty was designed by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO). Being designed by an intergovernmental organisation such as UNESCO gives it a sense of legitimacy and authority in dealing with - and ensures that more countries are likely to sign on (as the more countries that sign on, the greater effectiveness comes from standardisation across the world).

The aim of the Treaty is to streamline the recognition of degrees between universities in different countries, which gives more accessibility and inclusion to students pursuing opportunities around the world. I believe we should undertake actions to support and encourage higher education - including the sharing of knowledge and education. And to support students to seek the opportunities and work that they can get from having completed their degree - wherever they have done so.

Personally, I have completed a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Ancient World Studies and currently a Masters of Public Policy, both at the University of Melbourne. I have found tertiary education to be a great opportunity for learning and development. Hence, I am pleased to seek tertiary education being given attention and support, and making it easier for students and others to use their educational experience.

Kind Regards,

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