

In my view the higher education system, just like primary and secondary education, should not be funded on a user pays basis, nor should private and 'for-profit' provision of higher education be funded by the tax-payer as would be brought about by this amendment bill. Higher education moreover should not incur a life-long personal debt. In addition to these issues, a move to privatisation and deregulation will adversely impact academic freedom, working conditions and the quality of programs currently provided.

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