

Dear Senate Committee

I have worked as an academic in Australia's regional universities for 20 years. Over that time I have seen a gradual increase in teaching loads and a gradual reduction in quality. The most recent proposed changes will damage beyond repair our regional universities. Already at SCU we have severe cutbacks and redundancies. I am a high-calibre researcher yet now have to spend most of my time teaching basic material to NESB students via internet. Please block this proposed legislation and save what is left of our regional university infrastructure. Save our jobs. And save the quality of the work we are capable of.

Kind regards

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