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Committee Secretary, JSCFADT

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Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Committee Secretary,

My name is Riyong Kim, and I am writing to express my strong disappointment as an Australian citizen that the Commonwealth Government will be axing the NALSAS strategy (National Asian Languages and Studies in Australian Schools). As a graduated student from Indonesian Studies from the University of New South Wales, I feel that the teaching of Indonesian language and cultural studies in Australia is very important. In particular, with respect to the recent events in Bali, I think that greater education and learning about Indonesian culture along with other Asian countries is vital to maintain good relations with our neighbours and steer our Australian community away from becoming isolated in this region, and misunderstanding our neighbours. We must create awareness if anything in our younger generations, in order for them to grow up as rational and open-minded individuals. I hope that you will take my opinions into consideration when taking further action on this issue.

Thankyou for your attention.

Yours sincerely,

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