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RE; PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL TREATIES

Convention on the recognition of qualifications concerning higher education in the European Region.

The Convention lists the United Kingdom as signatory to the Convention. I am of the opinion that the United Kingdom is no longer an administrative area in the E.U. and that in fact the name England is no longer on the latest maps of the E.U.

There seems to be three reasons for signing the Lisbon Recognition Convention;

1. Encourage European students to study in Australia.
2. Enable Australians with Higher education qualifications to work in Europe.
3. To assist European Immigrants to Australia in having their qualifications recognized.

Looking at the list of countries that have ratified the Convention, I would not have thought that many had a University let alone one of quality.

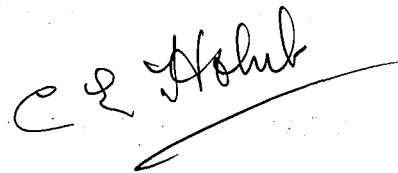
Were the signatories vetted for the quality of their institutions before being invited to join? If so who vetted the institutions?

In the medical profession the relevant insurance companies must now have a say in tertiary qualifications that are acceptable.

I can see pressure being brought to bear on Australian parties for the recognition of qualifications so that more overseas students are encouraged to study at our Universities.

I would not like to see the Convention ratified unless the United States of America, Canada and Germany also sign.

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