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Senator Claire Moore  
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Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee  
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Dear Senator Moore

### **Inquiry into the Health Workforce Australia Bill 2009 ('the Bill'): further supplementary submission**

Universities Australia was pleased to provide evidence to the Committee on June 11, 2009. I note the Committee is to report on 16 June, 2009. A supplementary submission was provided dated 11 June 2009. Subsequent to meeting with Departmental officials on Friday at the Clinical Placements Advisory Group Universities Australia wishes to make a further supplementary submission to the Committee.

Universities Australia understands from advice provided by the Department that it is unlikely the composition of the governing Board will change from the stated nine government positions of the proposed thirteen member positions. If this is to remain so, Universities Australia strongly recommends the independent Chair be a serving university Vice-Chancellor. This information was given in evidence at the Hearing.

Universities Australia also strongly recommends the Committee give consideration to amending the current draft legislation so that the HWA Board reflects the establishment of a Clinical Education Advisory Committee to report to the HWA Board on health and education issues and comprise experts in the disciplines of medicine, nursing, midwifery, allied health and dentistry. This amendment would thereby enable a balanced representation of stakeholder groups.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me or Ms Angela Magarry on telephone 02 6285 8108 or by email: [A.Magarry@universitiesaustralia.edu.au](mailto:A.Magarry@universitiesaustralia.edu.au)

Yours sincerely,

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