



**MEDIA RELEASE
STUDENTS PROTEST PYNE**

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Students across the country will be marching today in protest of the federal governments agenda against higher education.

The National Union of Students have co-ordinated the National day of Action which will see demonstrations across Australia.

The National Tertiary Education Union are standing with students against the federal government's higher education funding cuts, fee deregulation and privatisation policies.

National President Rose Steele said students will be making their position clear... again.

“Students are fiercely opposed to the deregulation of university fees”

“Students know that these are attacks on their education and on the ability of future generations of students to attend university.

It was great to see the defeat of deregulation last week in the senate however we know the fight is far from won”

The result in the senate last week coupled with polling that 80% of Australians do not support deregulation is a clear message that these so called “reforms” are not popular with Australians and are not in the national interest.

Ms Steele said “Christopher Pyne is still not listening, he has made it clear that this purely ideological policy will remain on his agenda”

“Students are sick and tired of not being listened to, and we will keep fighting for a equitable and accessible university system”

We are calling on Christopher Pyne to drop this disastrous policy which has less support from the sector everyday

Students are demanding increased public funding to public universities and no wait on Newstart.

For details on the national day of action rallies

For further comment

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For details on the National Day of Action rallies:

National: <https://www.facebook.com/events/819167728141243/>

Victoria <https://www.facebook.com/events/1404299336530987>

ACT <https://www.facebook.com/events/1440399149518391>

New South Wales <https://www.facebook.com/events/1411912355766655>

NT <https://www.facebook.com/events/1030500883631420>

Queensland <https://www.facebook.com/events/461949067290096>

South Australia <https://www.facebook.com/events/1767208636837139>

Western Australia <https://www.facebook.com/events/322199587977291>