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Support for Pyne's Reforms in Tatters Says NUS

Today the Vice Chancellor of the University of technology of Sydney remarked that he was one Vice Chancellor “who is not disappointed that the current legislation to introduce full fee deregulation did not pass the Senate.”

In a letter to the editor for The Australian Attila Brungs stated, “Unlike any other time I can remember, we have a Minister dedicated to reform, an Opposition and a crossbench committed to a high-quality, affordable and accessible university sector – and students, industry and the wider community deeply engaged in the discussion. We now have a golden opportunity to work together to find a model for a sustainable, equitable and affordable higher education system that will improve prosperity and wellbeing for all Australians”

The National Union of Students welcomes the comments of Attila Brungs and Stephen Parker who have come out opposing the so called education “reforms” especially when students will be the ones burdened by debt and cut many out of higher education system, ultimately creating a two tired American style university system.

The National Union of students president Rose Steele today said “We welcome the position of Attila Brungs, Vice Chancellors are not united in their support of fee deregulation and are concerned about the effects of deregulating universities on students,

We are calling on Vice Chancellors to work for the benefit of their students and their universities – supporting a reform that would see massive fee increases is irresponsible and short sighted”

President of the UTS Students Association Dean Mattar today said “It is great to see that our Vice Chancellor is willing to consult with students on educational reforms, since the sector is clearly currently underfunded.

Minister Pyne is not taking education as a priority and as such we will be taking our petition of thousands of UTS students against deregulation to the senate”

We urge Vice Chancellors around Australia to not support deregulation and work toward higher funding into public universities and not by hitting the hip pocket of students.

NUS will be holding a National Day of Action on March 25th against fee deregulation and is calling the government to drop this disastrous policy from their agenda.

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