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Let it go Pyne

After almost a full year of Minister Pyne pushing an unpopular and unfair policy the group of 8 universities have deserted minister Pyne in the final hour.

Compromise after compromise of this package has not been able to deliver funding certainty or a system that will remain equitable, accessible and of high quality.

Mr Pyne's confused policy to push 100k degrees on students has never had full sector support as he has claimed. These reforms from start to end would not give funding certainty and only see higher education be accessible for those who could afford it.

President of The National Union of Students Rose Steele said " The National Union of Students welcome the comments of the GO8 in opposing deregulation and contrary to Pynes rhetoric there has never been full sector support for his reforms"

Over the course of the past 11 months Vice chancellor after Vice Chancellor, students, staff and the community have come out to oppose this disastrous policy.

"It is time to give up and let go Mr Pyne" Ms Steele

The senate have now rejected these reforms twice because Australians want their kids to benefit from affordable, quality educational opportunities like many of them did.

The Go8 universities have said the time is to reset this debate and they are right.

"Public investment in higher education is a non-negotiable. If we want Australia's universities to rank among the best in the world we need bipartisan commitment to fund the sector equitably and appropriately. " Ms Steele

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