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## **Pyne no “fixer” this budget**

The federal budget released today is set to contain continued attacks on higher education from the government.

Students have led an incredibly successful year long campaign since the release of the 2014 budget against 100k degrees and the Americanisation of our university system.

NUS President Rose Steele said: “Students today are expecting yet more cuts to funding, research and support. They are especially concerned about closures of vital organisations such as the Office of Learning and Teaching (OLT) the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Advisory Council (ATSIEAC) and attacks to welfare

This is a full scale attack on universities and students and it is clear that this government will not put the future generations first. It’s not good enough”

This comes in light of new polling which shows that more than 70% of Australians believe there should be an increase to university funding and more than 80% of Australians are against fee deregulation.

Ms Steele said “The government have failed in every respect on education and will continue to fail without listening to the public.”

Time and time again these policies are unpopular and unfair because they do not invest in Australia’s future. Australia will continue to lag behind if we do not prioritise education.

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