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Students dismayed by cuts to higher education programs

“The National Union of students is shocked and disappointed by the significant cuts made to important higher education programs as part of the Federal Government’s flood assistance package” NUS National President Jesse Marshall said today. “It seems that higher education and climate change – two areas which represent strong investments in the future – have been hardest hit by these cuts”, he continued.

“The Capital Development Pool for universities is an incredibly important resource which ensures that the infrastructure in which students are learning is appropriate. Without this funding, students will increasingly find themselves relegated to decaying classrooms with outdated facilities and a lack of space” he said. “This problem will be exacerbated even further by rapidly increasing enrolments under the federal government’s uncapping of student places”, he continued.

“The Australian Teaching and Learning Council plays a crucial role in fostering a professional, quality focused environment in universities. The axing of the Council will mean an end to vital support for quality teaching and learning, as well as targeted grants to researchers that enhance the overall quality of higher education in Australia” he said.

“NUS believes that the benefit which the ATLC brings to the higher education sector in Australia outweighs the relatively low cost of funding the organisation”, he continued.

“The National Rental Affordability Scheme has provided important relief to students through support for university run accommodation. The scaling back of the scheme by 15,000 dwellings is disappointing for students looking to government for relief from rental stress” he concluded.

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