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The Hunters Hill Branch at their April meeting discussed the effect on Australian university teaching and research of the Defence Trade Control Bill, currently before the Federal Parliament.

We understand the Bill aims to bring our laws into line with our US defence treaty partner. However the Bill restricts the transfer of information on a large range of material and technologies and could detrimentally affect the teaching of foreign students and research collaboration with foreign nationals in science engineering and health.

We are concerned that as we enter the Asian century this legislation could detrimentally effect our scientific and technological co-operation with countries in our region

We recommend that this legislation be amended to overcome the detrimental effects on university teaching and research and scientific and technological collaboration with countries in our region

Yours Sincerely

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