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To Whom It May Concern

**Senate Committee inquiry into the provisions of the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA) Amendment Bill 2014**

Deakin University supports the measures in the TEQSA Amendment Bill 2014 to increase the efficiency of TEQSA and reduce the regulatory burden on higher education institutions. In particular, in keeping with the position of Universities Australia, we endorse the removal of TEQSA's quality assessment function to enable it to focus on its core activities of provider registration and course accreditation.

Effective standards-based regulation is critical to assure the delivery of excellent higher education in Australia and the maintenance of the sector's national and international credibility. Re-focusing the energies and resources of TEQSA on the core business of course accreditation and provider registration is sensible at this stage of its maturity. Appropriate monitoring and enforcement of minimum higher education standards through these processes will provide a firm foundation for ongoing quality improvement and innovation across the sector.

We look forward to the Senate Education and Employment Legislation Committee report.

Yours sincerely

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