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Dear Senate Committee

My husband and I both work at the University of Adelaide. The University is investing great effort in creating opportunities for people from less privileged backgrounds to study at tertiary level. There is a lot of support within the University community for this.

The Government is sending mixed messages. It is not possible for Australians to have it both ways. The introduction of deregulated fees imposes an additional and unexpected expense that not everyone can accommodate. Are we opening up Universities to everyone - or are we not?

Maslow's triangle advises us that people opt for security first, personal aspirations last. It is obvious that people who are pragmatic, careful or wary will deny themselves the luxury of a tertiary education if the outlay creates significant and early debt. Particularly when the perspective stems from a young person who does not know which path their life is yet to take.

Please BLOCK this proposal. We have children. It is clear this proposal will have a negative effect on them, their peers and their generation.

Sincerely
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