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Mr Alan Raine
Committee Secretary
Senate Education and Employment Committees

By email: eec.sen@aph.gov.au

Dear Mr Raine,

Re: Higher Education Legislation Amendment (Provider Category Standards and Other Measures) Bill 2020

Thank you for the opportunity to review the *Higher Education Legislation Amendment (Provider Category Standards and Other Measures) Bill 2020*.

UNE supports the revisions contained within the amendment, which work to give clarity regarding a range of measures that have arisen from recent recommendations and decisions, and enhance the operation of regulation in the Australian higher education sector.

We highlight our strong support for the RUN submission on the amendments. In particular, RUN have reiterated the information in their February 2020 response to the consultation by the Higher Education Standards Panel on the implementation of research requirements in the threshold standards. In that submission, and importantly reiterated here, RUN suggest that the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency work with universities on the implementation process around quality of research, including with respect to relevant metrics to define if research is “world standard”; and mapping Fields of Education to Fields of Research.

Should you require further information or wish to discuss the legislative amendments, please contact my office by phone [REDACTED] or email [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely,

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