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Dear Education and Employment Legislation Committee

RE: Senate Inquiry – Higher Education Support Amendment (Job-Ready Graduates and Supporting Regional and Remote Students) Bill 2020

As President of the Australian and New Zealand Society of Criminology (ANZSOC) I am writing on behalf of our Committee of Management, in response to your call for submissions into your inquiry into to *Higher Education Support Amendment (Job-Ready Graduates and Supporting Regional and Remote Students) Bill 2020*.

We support the investment in STEM disciplines but not to the detriment of the Humanities and Social Sciences. Australia should continue to invest in the Humanities and Social Sciences of which Criminology is a strong part. Criminology graduates leave the university sector to undertake many important roles in our society.

Our graduates pursue career paths in government, corporate and not-for profit organisations, working in fields such as:

- Policing and security
- Correctional services
- Intelligence
- Probation and parole
- Child protection
- Crime analysis
- Courts and justice services
- Crime prevention
- Regulatory agencies
- Research and policy
- Community welfare and victim support



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With crime becoming an international concern due to the growth of organised networks, global digital technology, and the threat of terrorism, there are many emerging ways that criminology graduates will contribute to societal challenges of the future.

It is important that we continue to develop professionals in this field, and all related fields in the humanities and social sciences.

It is important that we do not make these career options less attractive nor penalise those who chose to pursue these careers.

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