

TO THE HONOURABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

This petition of Bond University students draws to the attention of the House the ineligibility of domestic Bond students in applying for OS-HELP.

Bond University's independent status does not justify the restriction of a well-justified loan scheme to domestic Bond students. To deprive such students limits the diversity of our nation's workforce, undermines our international competitiveness, and, to the detriment of social progress, discriminates between public and private universities.

Further, given that Bond University students are eligible for FEE-HELP and SA-HELP, this restriction represents a legislative anomaly.

We therefore ask the House to amend the Higher Education Support Amendment (Asian Century) Bill 2013 to extend the eligibility of OS-HELP to domestic Bond University students.