



14 July 2021

Senator the Hon Anne Ruston
Minister for Families and Social Services
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Via email: dlos@dss.gov.au

Dear Minister,

Student Assistance Regulations 2021 [F2021L00201]

Thank you for your response of 6 July 2021 to the Senate Standing Committee for the Scrutiny of Delegated Legislation, in relation to the above instrument.

The committee considered your response at its private meeting on Wednesday 14 July 2021. The committee welcomes your constructive engagement with its scrutiny concerns and your undertakings to amend both the instrument and its explanatory statement. The committee notes that you have undertaken to:

- amend sections 5, 6, 13, 16, 19 and 20 where possible to include definitions which are currently in external ABSTUDY policy, and amend the explanatory statement;
- remove the term 'likely' in paragraphs 14(1)(c), 16(1)(d) and (e) and replace it with the term 'will', and amend the explanatory statement;
- remove the term 'reasonably' from subsections 19(3)-(5) and 27(3), and amend the explanatory statement;
- amend paragraph 26(a) to insert an awareness requirement, and amend the explanatory statement; and
- repeal Part 3 of the instrument.

In light of these undertakings and the information provided in your response, the committee has concluded its examination of the instrument.

In the interests of transparency, I note that this correspondence will be published on the committee's website and recorded in the *Delegated Legislation Monitor*.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Senator the Hon Concetta Fierravanti-Wells
Chair
Senate Standing Committee for the Scrutiny of Delegated Legislation