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Reported Incidences of Course Closures, Rationalisations, Overcrowding and Declining Infrastructure 1998-2001

Date	Institution	Nature of Problem
04/98	All universities	A review of Humanities has shown that in 3 years 10% of staff have been cut, 16 languages have been discontinued and student-staff ratios are higher than in other disciplines.
12/99	All universities	Fifteen tertiary institutions have closed or cut back on performing and visual arts courses. These include the Victorian College of the Arts, La Trobe University, and the University of Ballarat.
12/99	All universities	In 1998 university libraries cancelled \$9 million worth of subscriptions, with a further \$6 million to go in 1999. Most cuts were in science, technology and medicine journals.
03/98	Australian National University	First year Russian has been axed. The science faculty lost 18 staff in 1997-98.
05/98	Australian National University	Up to 12 academic positions have been cut from the Faculty of Arts.
06/98	Australian National University	There has been a \$1.6 million cut to the Institute of Arts by the ACT Government. As many as 20 jobs could be lost, with the music education program facing the axe.
08/98	Australian National University	Russian cancelled and Classics merged with Modern European Languages.
03/99	Australian National University	Australian studies and some European languages are under threat.
10/99	Australian National University	A major restructure of the University to include a significant reduction in staff, conversion of six undergraduate faculties into three 'institutes', and the introduction of performance targets.
12/99	Australian National University	The urban research program has been closed.
08/00	Australian National University	The theatre studies course to be wound back - the termination of all fixed term contracts in the Faculty of Arts will cut staffing in the theatre studies program from 1.5 lecturers to 0.5.

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09/00	Australian National University	The Noel Butlin Archive (Australia's most important business and labour archive) is under threat with plans to cut staffing and funding. Archive funding restored 2001.
03/01	Charles Sturt University	The Fine Arts degree has been axed with threats of redundancy.
08/98	Deakin University	There have been cuts to dance, drama and media programs.
08/99	Deakin University	The Rusden campus will be closed and relocated to Burwood.
	James Cook University	The serials collection has been reviewed and rationalised with major cancellations in 1992, 1996 and 1998.
02/98	James Cook University	The Audio-Visual unit has had to restructure and reduce services due to funding cuts. Two staff have been lost.
06/98	La Trobe University	The Departments of Music and Hindi, and the School of Environmental Science will be closed this year. Thirty-six staff to be made redundant.
07/98	La Trobe University	Since 1994 the History Department has reduced from 44 to 24 staff.
08/98	La Trobe University	The Bendigo campus has lost specialist streams in fine arts. Geography, philosophy and religious studies, politics, women's studies, studies in western traditions, and development studies have all been lost as separate majors.
10/99	La Trobe University	Management is considering dropping humanities subjects that attract fewer than 30 enrolments.
11/99	La Trobe University	The Music Department to close at the end of 1999 with some students being unable to finish their degrees.
12/99	La Trobe University	The Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences must reduce salary costs by \$1.5 million by 2005. This could mean a loss of 15 full-time jobs over 5 years.
4/00	La Trobe University	La Trobe reported to have lost up to 300 staff in the past 4 years.
07/98	Macquarie University	Since 1994 the History Department has reduced from 25 to 14 staff.
05/98	Monash University	Up to 60 academic and general staff from the science and arts faculties will be offered redundancies. 215 staff accepted redundancies from November 1996 to March 1997.
06/98	Monash University	Staff in the Faculty of Arts have dropped from 300 to 230 in the past 2

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		years. A restructure will result in the loss of a further 50 staff, the elimination of whole teaching areas and the merger of departments.
11/99	Monash University	The Science Faculty have had to absorb a series of budget cuts which has led to the loss of 70 full-time academic and general staff positions. Similar numbers are expected to be lost in the following two years with cuts of more than \$3 million to the budget.
01/00	Murdoch University	Courses with low enrolments to be cut.
06/00	Murdoch University	A review of academic programs has recommended the axing of 14 courses, 6 courses should merge and a further 3 should become full fee paying. Another 11 courses are yet to be discussed. Courses recommended for closure include computer studies, finance and economics, professional studies (education), special programs in humanities, science and social science, policy studies and fourth-year psychology.
07/00	Murdoch University	Environmental technology and community studies are to be axed and physics replaced with applied computational physics. Six courses will be merged with other universities including Asian studies, chemistry, physics maths and applied science.
	Northern Territory University	Subjects in the Faculty of Torres Strait Islander Studies have been moved to other faculties. This has led to a reduction in support services for indigenous students.
08/98	Northern Territory University	The English Department has been closed and ceramics, sculpture and cartography have been axed.
06/00	Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology	The University is to discontinue the role of the student sexual harassment complaints officer.
08/98	Swinburne University	There has been an amalgamation of the Cultural Studies and Social Sciences Departments, and two Aboriginal studies units have been axed.
8/99	Swinburne University	The disability support service co-ordinator has been removed from the Croydon campus and the service has been outsourced.
01/01	University of Ballarat	Shortage of student accommodation reported in the Ballarat area.

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03/99	University of Canberra	Applied geography has been axed.
06/98	University of Melbourne	Forty five subjects, from 735 to 690, will be cut from the Arts and Humanities Faculty in 1999. The time spent on tutorials in second and third year linguistics, criminology and philosophy will be halved.
08/98	University of Melbourne	Classics Department closed.
01/01	University of Melbourne	Regional campuses at Longrenong, Glenormiston and Dookie under review and may face closure.
07/98	University of New England	The number of university committees has been cut from 50 to 22 and council committees from 12 to six. Subjects will also be cut.
03/99	University of New South Wales	The St George campus of UNSW has completely closed. As a result Teacher Education, Sport and Leisure Studies and Applied Arts and Performing Arts have been axed with only small elements of Applied and Performing Arts being relocated. Also axed was Textiles and Fibre Science.
04/01	University of New South Wales	The University Council considering closing up to six science schools and creating a single Faculty of Science.
08/98	University of Newcastle	The Fine Arts Faculty has been disbanded and placed within other faculties.
03/01	University of Newcastle	Plans underway to reduce the number of faculties.
5/00	University of Queensland	The Arts Faculty teaching allocation fell by \$400,000 in the past two budget rounds due to shifts in load to more expensive faculties. Five of the 11 departments in the faculty have a deficit totalling \$2.8 million.
10/00	University of Queensland	There have been staff cuts to the Medical School to reduce costs. Up to 12 staff have already taken voluntary retrenchment packages but more are needed.
12/00	University of Queensland	Staff cuts in the biological and chemical sciences including 22 voluntary retrenchments. Restructuring has cut 10 academic departments down to seven in 1998.
12/00	University of Queensland	A \$900,000 purchasing cut to the library has lead to staff cuts.
03/01	University of Queensland	The University faces total job cuts of around 80-100.

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04/01	University of Queensland	Budget cuts to the Veterinary Sciences Faculty has left it the 'most understaffed of its kind in Australia'. The University is proposing to move practical teaching and research to the Gatton campus.
03/99	University of South Australia	Graduate Diplomas in Education have been axed.
07/00	University of South Australia	The University of South Australia's Underdale campus will be closed in 5 years.
03/01	University of Southern Cross	The Business and Commerce Faculties are to merge.
03/98	University of Sydney	The Dental School is training half the number of students and has lost 30% of its staff in the past 10 years.
03/98	University of Sydney	The number of electives offered in the Bachelor of Education in Technological and Applied Sciences will be reduced and no further applicants will be accepted.
04/98	University of Sydney	Two thirds of academics journals will be stopped in order to save \$200,000 a year.
07/98	University of Sydney	Since 1994 the History Department reduced from 41 to 23 staff.
03/99	University of Sydney	Technical and Applied Studies have closed.
08/98	University of Tasmania	The Italian discipline has been axed and Classics merged with History.
02/00	University of Tasmania	The Hobart School of Art has reduced from 32 staff to 18 in the past few years with more reductions forecast. There are plans to axe 100 student places. No more undergraduates will be accepted into the ceramics program.
04/00	University of Tasmania	Cuts proposed by university management include 50% to staff in the Physics Department, 5.5 full-time equivalent staff at the art school by 2002, 100 student places by 2002, 50% reduction in postgraduate places and a 20% reduction in university funding to the Plimsoll Gallery.
05/00	University of Tasmania	Proposed course cuts place the Medical School in jeopardy. Cuts include axing the Applied Science School in Launceston by 2002, cutting the physics department by half, and cutting staff and student numbers in the Art School.
05/00	University of Tasmania	The Bachelor of Tourism to move to Launceston. Also to be cut are the

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		chemistry and electronics majors and the Bachelor of Social Science.
05/00	University of Tasmania	The School of Applied Science reorganised into cross campus Schools. The Bachelor of Applied Science degree axed. First year Bachelor of Science will be taught at Launceston, but students will have to transfer to Hobart unless they are doing majors which are required for other degrees.
06/00	University of Tasmania	Management has proposed that contemporary music be dropped from degree and diploma courses at the Launceston campus.
10/99	University of Western Australia	The theatre studies unit is to be axed.
03/01	University of Western Sydney	The university has been forced to bury 10,000 books because it could not afford to store them.
03/01	University of Western Sydney	There are complaints of overcrowding and lack of facilities, with students sitting on the floor in lectures.
08/98	University of Wollongong	Theatre design and ceramics courses have been closed.

Sources: Media reports, information received from NTEU members and university management.