

# Submission

to

Senate Employment, Workplace Relations and Education  
Legislation Committee

## **Higher Education Support Amendment (Abolition of Compulsory Up-front Union Fees) Bill 2005**

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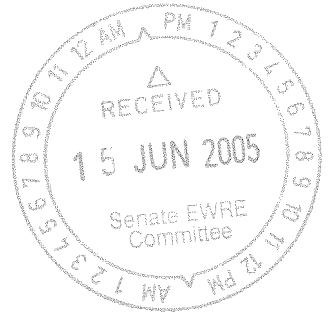
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## **The Tasmanian Rugby Community opposes VSU**

The Tasmania Rugby Union Inc wishes to express its concern regarding the Higher Education Support Amendment (Abolition of Compulsory Up-Front union Fees) Bill 2005.

As the governing body for rugby union in Tasmania, we are extremely concerned about the viability of the University Rugby Union Club. The University Club is the largest in state and without this club the entire Tasmanian rugby union competition would be under serious doubt. The University Rugby Club is dependent on financial support from the Tasmania University Union which receives part of the student service levy.

The University Rugby ground is used for training and games by other clubs and schools. The ground is currently undergoing an upgrade to its lighting to allow night matches. When completed this will be the only ground with match standard lighting in the state. The rugby community throughout our state will use this resource.

This community involvement has allowed much needed recruitment into our sport. Without this recruitment many clubs would not be able to maintain the required minimum number of players. The community contribution is not limited to the grounds, many non-University players train at the University Gym. From our observation the University Rugby Club is very efficient at using its financial resources.

As a regional area any reduced funding will not result in reduced services - it will result in total closure. We express our serious concerns for the sport of rugby union in Tasmania under the proposed VSU legislation.

Regards

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