

As a Swinburne Uni student and a person who is involved in union activities, I think it is really sad that the government has decided to get rid of student unions. Unions really do give students on campus other options, it opens up new ways and new opportunities for students, and opens up many possibilities for students once they leave uni to go to the work force. I think it is a shame that student unions may no longer be able to cater for student needs as they could before. Student publications will die, and those graphic artists and journalists who need a stepping stone will be left with nothing to give them a start. These unions are like community radio and TV stations; they offer people and students with an alternative voice. Students get a chance to present themselves openly without any pressure. What's next, closing down these communities too? The government doesn't support students; they constantly allow universities to increase fees and other. Unions get funding from students, **why can't you take your hands off student rights?**