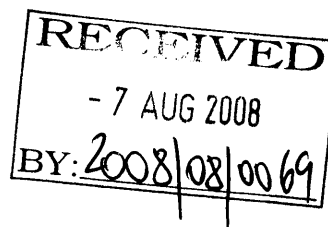




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Dear Professor Bradley

Re: VSU Impact Study

In June 2007, Australian University Sport (AUS) with support from the Australasian Campus Union Managers Association (ACUMA), commissioned Tertiary Balance Pty. Ltd. (Principal Mr. Peter McDonald) to conduct a study on the impacts of VSU legislation introduced in July 2006.

The purpose of this correspondence is to refer you to and provide you with a copy of Draft 2 of the VSU Impact Study. This study represents a comprehensive and thoroughly researched project that examines in depth, the impacts that VSU legislation has had on the delivery of sport and student services across the Australian university sector. Also enclosed, is a summary statement regarding these same impacts, which provides the reader with a snap-shot overview of VSU impacts upon sport and student services sectors.

This information has previously been made available to DEEWR, but it is vital, in light of the Review of Higher Education, in the context of the "total university experience" for tertiary students across Australia, that this study is revisited and where possible, considered as part of the review process.

VSU Impact Study Draft 2 was completed in February 2008. AUS is currently commissioning further research aimed at assessing the ongoing impacts of VSU legislation. There is ample evidence pointing to the fact that the quality and variety of sport and student service delivery continues to decline across the sector.

I trust the information provided creates a basis for rebuilding the support structures required across the university sport and student services sector enabling the provision of a richer, more dynamic tertiary experience for Australian students. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require further information.

Sincerely

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