

A message to the Leaders of Australian Political Parties from Australian TAFE Institutes

# Do Not Destroy International Education

We urge you to apply common sense to protect Australia's third largest export industry, which is under threat. Only 13% of International TAFE students seek permanent residency\*. Over 20 years, TAFE Institutes have developed a world class reputation for educational delivery. Significant job losses occur as international student numbers decline.

Confusing international students with the immigration debate is not in the national interest.

## **International students:**

- contribute positively to the educational and cultural experience, and enrich our communities
- promote internationalisation and foster long term business relationships between our regional partners
- contribute to the diversity of courses available to all students
- are often the best advocates for Australian capability
- assist in lessening our skilled labour shortages
- create significant economic benefits to the Australian community



**International students do not make a bigger Australia... they make a better Australia!**

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