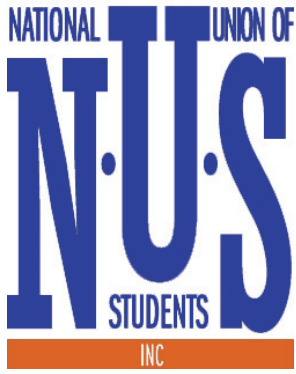


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Students support Labor's commitment to Youth

The National Union of Students today supported a promise by Labor to commit to establishing a peak youth organisation to advocate on behalf of young people.

This announcement came a day after the launch of the National Union of Students "Demand a Better Future" campaign initiative which specifically addressed the lack of forums for young people to have their voice heard on key political issues that affect them.

National President, Mr Michael Nguyen said, *"The Howard government's abolishment of the Parliamentary secretary for youth and of universal student unionism has had a detrimental effect on the ability for young people to make representations about their views. We currently have a government that wishes to sideline young people when it comes to issues that they want to have a voice on."*

"Labor's commitment to establishing a peak youth organisation shows a commitment to ensuring that young people have a say in the decision that affect them and a commitment to ensuring that the aspirations of young people are not held back by a government attached to the status quo."

"Young people have specific views about national political issues that are more likely to take into account long-term impacts and long-term issues because they are going to be the ones who will continue to feel the impacts of today's policy decisions long after they are made."

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