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Students Protest Closure of Humanities at QUT

Students will be demonstrating their anger at the proposed closure of the Queensland University of Technology, School of Humanities.

Time: 1pm

Location: Outside QUT Chancellory (U Block) Gardens Point, Brisbane

The School of Humanities provides the Bachelor of Arts course, which is the staple, foundation degree in the new "Melbourne Model" and is the most commonly combined degree for the popular "double degree" courses. The National Union of Students stated that this was an example of a negative outcome from the government's policy of diversity within the sector.

National Union of Students, National President, Mr Michael Nguyen said, *"the closure of the Humanities at QUT is the by-product of the Howard Government's ideological push for Universities to run for profit rather than for the public benefit."*

"If the government is serious about lifting productivity, it would make a statement about the closure of the School of Humanities at QUT, which will rob many future QUT graduates of core competencies expected from University graduates."

"After ten years of under-funding, the Howard Government is now talking about excellence at our Universities and diversity as the key to excellence, when the reality is that funding has been the real hurdle to fostering excellence in our Universities."

"The QUT administration making a huge strategic error in closing down one of the key distinctions of a University education."

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