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## **Enough is enough – *Justice for International Students!***

### **For immediate Release**

Thousands of students will attend rallies and events around Australia on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of September to demand ***Justice for International Students!***

The rallies and events will coincide with the Sydney and Melbourne hearings of the *Senate inquiry into the welfare and safety of International Students*.

The National Union of Students has organised the National Day of Action to keep the pressure up on state and federal governments on a range of key areas outlined in the NUS Smith Plan.

At the largest rallies in Melbourne and Sydney, students will demand **international student transport concession cards**.

Students will rally to:

- **Improve the quality and compliance of private colleges**
- **End exploitation in the rental market**
- **Reform outdated work-VISA restrictions that undercut basic wages and push students into exploitative workplaces**
- **Enhance international student protections and rights**

- **Improve safety and security of students in Australia**
- **Ensure justice for students screwed over by college collapses (Windsor and Sterling Colleges)**
- **Demand representation for the 200'000 students in tertiary private colleges**

The National Day of Action will have student participation from Australia and over 165 different nations from universities, TAFEs and Private Colleges.

Angry and frustrated international students will be available to speak on these issues at the Rally.

David Barrow, President of the National Union of Students said, "Enough is enough! After a decade of neglect local and international students rally together to demand justice".

"International students will no longer be treated as cash cows. Governments must act to protect the individual welfare of international students, the long-term viability of the international education market and the jobs of thousands of Australians working in the 15-billion dollar export market," he said.

"The Federal government and the universities have shown good progress, but more must be done. The Victorian and NSW state governments are failing international students - they must introduce travel concessions," he said.

"Domestic students join the rallies today because they are sick of injustice and inequality in the classroom, workplace and rental market," he said.

"The international education sector will no longer be able to fly under the radar. Clean it up, or close it down," he concluded.

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## **National Day of Action: Around Australia**

### **MELBOURNE**

NUS with the Council of Australian Postgraduate Associations (CAPA), Federation of Indian Students Australia (FISA) and others join under the banner of the Victorian Concession Card Coalition.

Students will be meeting at 2pm at the State Library on the corner of Swanston Street and La Trobe Street and marching to State Parliament for a petition handover of over 15'000 signatures.

Speakers include CAPA president Nigel Palmer, students from private colleges, Indonesian and Indian student groups (FISA and PPIA) and the National Union of Students.

For details in Melbourne:

Mark Baker (Victorian President National Union of Students Victoria): 0400 525 390

Carla Drakeford (President of Melbourne University Student Union): 0400 888 723

Kaitlin Ferris (NUS National Women's Officer): 0409 850 364

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### **SYDNEY**

The National Union of Students, student associations, post-graduate associations, FISA, Australian-International Student Association, Chinese-Australian Youth Federation and students from private colleges have joined under the banner of the NSW Concession Card Coalition.

Students from UWS Bankstown, Parramatta, UNSW and Macquarie will take buses in to meet student at UTS.

The March will start at Sydney University at 12pm at Fisher Library, and proceed to the front of UTS tower at 1pm. The protest will march to State Parliament House arriving at 2:00pm where Greens Senator Sarah Hansen Young and NUS President David

Barrow will speak.

For details in Sydney:

Noah White (President Sydney University Student Representative Council): 0438 438 844

Petra McNeilly Rutledge (President UTS Student Association)  
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## **CANBERRA**

Students will gather at the Students Hub at the University of Canberra for a petition signing festival. Students will particularly be urging universities and government to ensure the safety of international students on and off campus.

At ANU there will be a forum on international students at Union Court, along with a festival and BBQ.

For comment:

Kurt Steel (President University of Canberra Student Association)  
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## **PERTH**

There will be an International Festival at Curtin University, starting at 1pm in the Henderson Court. There will be international student club stalls and community organization stalls and speakers from NUS, the Ethnic Communities Council, and Curtin Student Guild. Students will also be singing petitions demanding a free first week accommodation on arrival and assistance finding affordable accommodation, increase safety on an off campus, ethno-specific counseling services, and airport pick up.

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## **BRISBANE**

Students, both domestic and international, will sign a banner petition at an international village on the grassy knoll at the University of Queensland. Each international student club will have a stall and students will be demanding better support on campus for international students.

For details in Brisbane:

James Butchers (Education Officer NUS Queensland): 0401 071 384

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## **ADELAIDE**

To raise awareness for the proposed deregulation of university places by the current Government, Flinders Student Council will be running a Fair Education 'Fair'. The event will be carnival related with entertainment being provided on the plaza from 11am to 2pm.

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