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## **CREATING A WELCOMING AND LEGITIMATE ENVIRONMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

The Migration Institute of Australia supports calls for a Senate Inquiry into international education in Australia. The sector deserves closer scrutiny by government, including an attempt to crack down on education agents here and overseas who, unlike migration agents, can act without regulation.

It is an industry too valuable to be hijacked by illegal and unethical behaviour by either desperate visa seekers or unscrupulous operators. If migration agents are involved they will be barred from the profession. This behaviour is not tolerated in the migration profession.

Students who need immigration or visa advice should only rely on registered migration agents.

Once arriving here, international students deserve the wholehearted support of the Australian community and it is loathsome that those seeking an education may be targeted by violent offenders.

We can't let a valuable Australian educational experience be tainted by the shocking behaviour of the few.

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