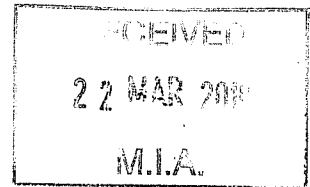




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Dear Ms Horder

Thank you for your participation in the *Education Services for Overseas Students Act 2000 (ESOS)* review.

Please find enclosed a copy of the Hon Bruce Baird's final report – **Stronger, simpler, smarter ESOS: supporting international students.**

The report details the issues facing the sector and makes a number of recommendations for strengthening legislation to better protect international students including:

- more support for international students and improved information
- stronger consumer protection mechanisms to ensure students are protected from unscrupulous operators
- improved regulation of Australia's international education sector
- improved support for those who study and live in Australia including having somewhere to go when problems arise.

This report follows extensive consultation and valuable input from a wide range of stakeholders. Mr Baird was impressed with the commitment to the sector shown by organisations such as the Migration Institute of Australia, the dedication of good providers and the enthusiasm and obvious ability of the international students he met.

The Deputy Prime Minister released the final report on Tuesday 9 March 2010 and agreed to begin work on implementing a number of recommendations immediately.

Thank you for your continued support in working with DEEWR to enhance Australia's strong education sector and improve experiences for international students.

Yours sincerely

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