

Vice-Chancellor EA

From: Vice-Chancellor EA
Sent: Tuesday, 14 May 2024 3:59 PM
To: EA DVC Academic
Subject: RE: Letter from Allegra Spender MP, Josh Burns MP and Julian Leeser MP on antisemitism at universities

Hi Claudia,

Genevieve can do 12pm, although she has a meeting scheduled for 12:30 and I am conscious that ducking out early might be difficult here.

Thanks,
Brittany Burgess
Executive Assistant to the Vice-Chancellor

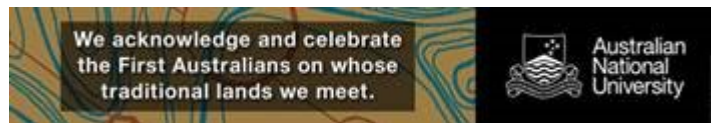
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From: EA DVC Academic <ea.dvca@anu.edu.au>
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2024 11:40 AM
To: Vice-Chancellor EA <ea.vc@anu.edu.au>
Subject: FW: Letter from Allegra Spender MP, Josh Burns MP and Julian Leeser MP on antisemitism at universities

Hi Brittany,
Can 12 pm on Thursday 16 May work as an alternative for the VC? Please see Allegra's email below.
With thanks,
Claudia

From: s47F
Sent: M
To: EA DVC Academic <ea.dvca@anu.edu.au>
Subject: RE: Letter from Allegra Spender MP, Josh Burns MP and Julian Leeser MP on antisemitism at universities

Hi Claudia,

Just wondering if now it is online we could make the meeting 12pm?

Kindest,



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From: EA DVC Academic <ea.dvca@anu.edu.au>

Sent: Thursday, May 2, 2024 1:37 PM

To: s47F

Subject: RE: Letter from Allegra Spender MP, Josh Burns MP and Julian Leaser MP on antisemitism at universities

Hi s47F

Are you comfortable with moving this meeting online? It would be unfeasible for the executives to make it to the ANU from Parliament House in time for their Senior Executive meeting.

This way, everyone can attend without worrying about travel time. It will be more convenient for all participants.

With thanks,
Claudia

From: s47F

Sent: Thursday, May 2, 2024 1:02 PM

To: EA DVC Academic <ea.dvca@anu.edu.au>

Subject: RE: Letter from Allegra Spender MP, Josh Burns MP and Julian Leaser MP on antisemitism at universities

Hi Claudia,

Is there any chance the meeting can take place in Parliament House?

It will be quite difficult for the MPs to make it out on a sitting day.

Sorry for the confusion on my part.

Kindest,



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From: EA DVC Academic <ea.dvca@anu.edu.au>

Sent: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 4:42 PM

To: s47F

Subject: RE: Letter from Allegra Spender MP, Josh Burns MP and Julian Leaser MP on antisemitism at universities

Hi s47F

Thank you. That time is great.

The meeting will take place at ANU Chancelry, Level 2, Meeting Room 2.12.

When you arrive at the Chancelry Building, 10 East Road, visitor parking is available in the small car park to the left as you enter the main drive. Security is located on the ground floor of the Chancelry Building and will issue a parking permit if required. I will meet you in the Chancelry building foyer when you arrive and grant you access to Level 2.

Thanks,
Claudia

From: s47F

Sent: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 3:04 PM

To: EA DVC Academic <ea.dvca@anu.edu.au>

Subject: RE: Letter from Allegra Spender MP, Josh Burns MP and Julian Leaser MP on antisemitism at universities

Hi Claudia,

Fantastic thank you.

We could begin at 11:45am if that works better?

I think 45-60 minutes would be good.

Can you please advise where the meeting will be located?



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From: EA DVC Academic <ea.dvca@anu.edu.au>

Sent: Tuesday, April 30, 2024 4:01 PM

To: s47F

Subject: RE: Letter from Allegra Spender MP, Josh Burns MP and Julian Leaser MP on antisemitism at universities

Hi s47F

Professor Genevieve Bell is available for a meeting from 12 pm to 12:30 pm on Thursday, May 16. Starting the meeting at 11:30 am would be more convenient for her but let me know what is possible.

Also, please inform me of the meeting duration needed.

With thanks,
Claudia

From: EA DVC Academic <ea.dvca@anu.edu.au>

Sent: Tuesday, April 30, 2024 11:40 AM

To: s47F

Subject: RE: Letter from Allegra Spender MP, Josh Burns MP and Julian Leaser MP on antisemitism at universities

Hi s47F

I can confirm Prof. Venville is available at noon on 16 May. I will reach out to the Office of the Vice Chancellor and confirm Prof. Bell's availability as soon as possible.

Prof. Venville will respond on the below soon.

With thanks,
Claudia

From: s47F

Sent: Friday, April 26, 2024 2:13 PM

To: EA DVC Academic <ea.dvca@anu.edu.au>

Subject: RE: Letter from Allegra Spender MP, Josh Burns MP and Julian Leaser MP on antisemitism at universities

Hi Claudia,

Can we please confirm 12:00pm on May 16th for a meeting?

Also, would appreciate a response on the below.

Kindest,



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From: s47F

Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 11:26 AM

To: EA DVC Academic <ea.dvca@anu.edu.au>

Subject: RE: Letter from Allegra Spender MP, Josh Burns MP and Julian Leaser MP on antisemitism at universities

Thanks Claudia. We will take the meeting; I will get back to you with what times best work for Josh and Julian on the 16th.

For your information UNSW, UTS, The University of Sydney, and Macquarie University have all accepted meetings with their respective Vice-Chancellors.

It is of great concern to us that this issue is not being addressed adequately at the Australian National University.

We have heard directly from students at ANU that they don't feel antisemitism is currently on the agenda. We feel it needs to be addressed from the top.

Kind regards,



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From: EA DVC Academic <ea.dvca@anu.edu.au>

Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 9:07 AM

To: s47F

Subject: RE: Letter from Allegra Spender MP, Josh Burns MP and Julian Leaser MP on antisemitism at universities

Hi s47F

Thanks for your patience. Grady is available from 9 am to 12 pm on Thursday 16 May.

Please let me know if this time works for you in your diary.

With thanks,
Claudia

From: s47F

Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 2:55 PM

To: EA DVC Academic <ea.dvca@anu.edu.au>

Subject: RE: Letter from Allegra Spender MP, Josh Burns MP and Julian Leaser MP on antisemitism at universities

Hi Claudia,

Thank you for the response.

What is the Professors' availability on the 16th of May?

The MP's will be in Canberra for the sitting week.

Kindest,



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From: EA DVC Academic <ea.dvca@anu.edu.au>

Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 4:49 PM

To: s47F

Subject: FW: Letter from Allegra Spender MP, Josh Burns MP and Julian Leaser MP on antisemitism at universities

On behalf of Professor Grady Venville

Good Afternoon,

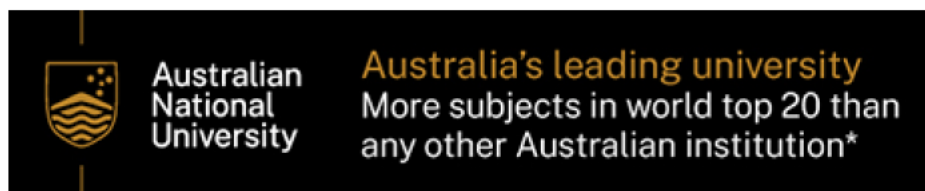
The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) of The Australian National University, Professor Grady Venville would like to arrange an in-person or online meeting with Allegra Spender MP, Josh Burns MP, and Julian Leaser MP. This is as requested in the attached letter.

If they would like to meet with Professor Venville, please let me know their availability over the next several weeks.

With thanks,
Claudia.

Claudia Villegas | Executive Assistant
Professor Grady Venville, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic)

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From: s47F

Sent: Thursday, March 28, 2024 9:47 AM

To: Vice-Chancellor EA <ea.vc@anu.edu.au>

Subject: Letter from Allegra Spender MP, Josh Burns MP and Julian Leaser MP on antisemitism at universities

You don't often get email from s47F [Learn why this is important](#)

Dear Professor Genevieve Bell,

Please see the attached letter from Allegra Spender MP, Josh Burns MP and Julian Leaser MP requesting a meeting to discuss the matter of antisemitism on campus.

Look forward to hearing from you.

Kindest regards,



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Vice-Chancellor EA

Subject: 12 pm | Antisemitism on Australian university campuses discussion
Location: s22 / Zoom

Start: Thu 16/05/2024 12:00 PM
End: Thu 16/05/2024 12:45 PM

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Accepted

Organizer: Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic)
Required Attendees: Vice-Chancellor; Allegra.Weeden@aph.gov.au; Steven Fanner; Anthony Connolly; s47F

Optional Attendees: CoL - Dean EA; EA DVC Academic

Categories: External meeting, Internal Meeting

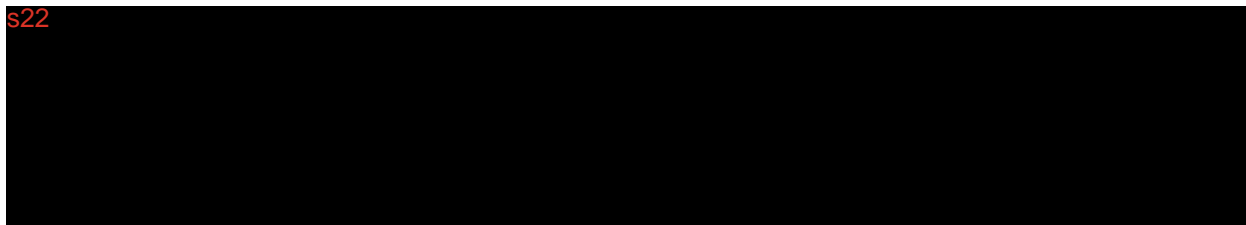
This event has been updated: Revised location

This event has been updated: Revised time - 12:00 pm - 12:45 pm

This event has been updated: Revised attendees.

This event has been updated: Zoom link has been added.

This meeting will take place in person, on Level 2, meeting room 2.12, Chancelry Building and via Zoom. The Zoom option is available below.



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Attendees:

- Allegra Spender MP
- Josh Burns MP
- Julian Leeser MP
- Genevieve Bell, Vice-Chancellor
- Grady Venville, Deputy Vice-Chancellor Academic
- Steven Fanner, Director (a/g), ANU Communications and Engagement
- Tony Connolly, Dean College of Law



Vice-Chancellor and President

Professor Genevieve Bell

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Dear Professor Genevieve Bell,

We are writing to you to request an urgent meeting to discuss the serious and worsening matter of antisemitism on Australian university campuses.

We have written to you previously, in the capacity as co-chairs of the Parliamentary Friends of IHRA, regarding the adoption of the IHRA definition.

As students are returning to campus, we would like to get a greater understanding of the Australian National University's action plan to address reports of antisemitism on its campus and ensure students are appropriately supported.

In July 2023, ZFA and AUJS conducted a survey that found almost two-thirds of Jewish students reported antisemitic incidents and more than 50% said they had hidden their Jewish identity at some point. This is a worrying problem of great concern to us.

Before the summer break, the Member for Wentworth surveyed nearly 200 students, some from your university. Their accounts highlighted feelings of fear, being targeted, and reluctance to openly express their Jewish identity. They also described the rise of antisemitic incidents including social media posts from their peers, Nazi symbols being graffitied on campus buildings and disregard for Jewish grieving in the days following the horrific October 7th attacks.

At ANU, the survey documented four accounts of alleged antisemitism on campus. We have provided these testimonials below.

The Member for Wentworth has also had three students approach her struggling with antisemitism on the ANU campus, students who report they have not yet had an effective response from the university.

We would like to urgently arrange a meeting with you to discuss the concerns that students have raised and actions that ANU plans to take in response to these reports of antisemitism.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in grey ink, appearing to read 'AS'.

Allegra Spender MP

Member for Wentworth

For and on behalf of:

Julian Leeser MP Member for Berowra

Josh Burns MP Member for Macnamara



Australian National University – Cases of alleged antisemitism

- Awful hate directed towards my daughter and her friends. They've had to be provided with a safe space by authorities so that they can study apart from the general population.
- I have had people chant their support of Hamas to my face and make extremely antisemitic comments about me and my family, seen people rip down hostage posters on my campus and abuse those putting up the posters.
- The Socialist Alternative Society has been frequently vocal about its anti-Zionist status. They harass students who look Jewish, who are wearing Kippot or Magen David's, and rip down posters of kidnapped hostages or write antisemitic tropes over the posters. They constantly comment in student association meetings (you're using antisemitism claims to push your right-wing agenda). A woman (separate occasion) spat on my friend who was putting up posters and told them to 'die you fucking Jew'
- Jewish Student voices have been targeted and neglected mostly by student unions. Student associations such as the ANU Students Association have been completely silent on Jewish issues. Silent on the October 7 massacre. Silent when Jewish students have contacted them on concerns for their campus safety. Silent when Jewish students have had friends and family who have been killed, taken hostage or are still under threat by HAMAS. Students across campus hide behind the slogan "anti-Zionism doesn't equal antisemitism". However, incidents against Jewish friends of mine such as being spat on or having property damaged occurred almost immediately after the student association's pro-Palestine events which inherently makes anyone a villain who supports a Jewish state in any form that isn't Palestine from the river to the sea. Such events include using OUR student funds to buy materials for pro-Palestine sign making and saying that students need to attend pro-Palestine protests in order to not be a racist.

THURSDAY 16 MAY 2024 PRE-BRIEF

MP VISIT ON ANTI-SEMITISM AT UNIVERSITIES

PREPARED FOR	Genevieve Bell, Vice-Chancellor
START TIME	11:40 am. Start time is 11:45 am
END TIME	12:45 pm
LOCATION	ANU Staff will meet in person: Meeting Room 2.12, Level 2, Chancelry Building #10, 10 East Road, Acton Guests will join via Zoom: <div>s22</div>
ATTIRE	Business

EXECUTIVE PARTICIPATION	Discussion on antisemitism at universities and response to the encampment protest at ANU.
PURPOSE	To affirm the University is a place for respectful debate and does not tolerate racism in any form, including antisemitism.
EXPECTED OUTCOMES	Hear and respond to the concerns of the MPs. Correct misunderstandings about the ANU encampment and the University's response.

KEY PERSONS INVOLVED

- Genevieve Bell, Vice-Chancellor
- Grady Venville, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic)
- Tony Connolly, Academic Board Chair
- Steven Fanner, Director (a/g), ANU Communications and Engagement

CONTACTS

Steven Fanner – Head of Government Relations

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BACKGROUND

- The event is taking place at the request of the MPs to discuss the “serious and worsening matter of antisemitism on Australian university campuses”, student concerns students and to hear about ANU plans for response.
- The MPs are co-chairs of the Parliamentary Friends of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA).
- Universities Australia met with Mr Leeser this week and reported he was respectful and constructive. He made the point that universities have gone to great lengths to support indigenous and LGBT students but won’t do the same for Jewish students.
- The MPs have previously corresponded with ANU about adopting the IHRA definition of antisemitism:

“Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities.”
- ANU has provided Jewish students with an optional safe space on campus since the escalation of conflict post October 7, 2023. (Access has been available since 30 October).
- The Director University Experience is meeting regularly with the Australasian Union of Jewish Students ANU representatives.
- A Harmful Behaviours Disclosure Tool was introduced Semester 1 2024 to enable reporting of unacceptable behaviour including antisemitism.
- ANU executives attended the Antisemitism Workshop (university roundtable) arranged by the Executive Council of Australian Jewry on 8 April.

NOTABLE PUBLIC COMMENTS BY THE MPS

Leeser:

- “The idea that young Jewish Australians do not feel safe getting an education is anathema to me. This moment profoundly matters for our entire country, because if any Australian student cannot feel safe on an Australian campus because of the religion they hold, then our universities are failing the principle test of character.”
- “The conflict in Gaza is the thin veneer or the excuse to protest the presence of Jewish students and staff. In coming months, these protests will take full flight during university open days, because these protests are not about Gaza, they are about making young Jewish Australians feel unwelcome on Australian campuses. It is pure anti-Semitism.”

Spender:

- “These encampments are only further escalating the sense of fear among Jewish students and are exacerbating an already tense atmosphere. Some of the speeches and social media posts are antisemitic or at least deliberately inflammatory.”

- “I call on the Education Minister and the Universities to make it clear that they do not support these encampments and they will ensure that our universities are safe and inclusive for all students, because that is not currently the case for Jewish students.”

Burns:

- “This is escalating. It’s becoming increasingly violent and tensions are rising. Someone is going to get seriously hurt, or worse. Police need to step in.” (7 May in relation to the Monash encampment).
- “We know that the encampments are predominantly made up of non-students, and universities should take a zero tolerance to anyone not from the university harassing or vilifying students.”

KEY POINTS

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

- Allegra Spender MP – [BIO](#)
- Julian Leeser MP - [BIO](#)
- Josh Burns MP - [BIO](#)

ATTACHMENTS

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Vice-Chancellor EA

From: s47F (J. Clare, MP) s47F
Sent: Tuesday, 4 June 2024 1:38 PM
To: Vice-Chancellor EA
Subject: RE: Phone call between Minister Clare and the Vice-Chancellor

Hi Brittany

Thank you for passing on the VC's mobile for the Minister to call.

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Kind regards

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s47F Program Manager

Office of the Hon Jason Clare MP
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Sent: Tuesday, June 4, 2024 1:23 PM
To: s47F (J. Clare, MP) s47F
Subject: RE: Phone call between Minister Clare and the Vice-Chancellor

Hi Christine,

Genevieve's mobile number is s47F Please ensure that this is kept private and confidential.

Thank you,

Brittany Burgess

Executive Assistant to the Vice-Chancellor

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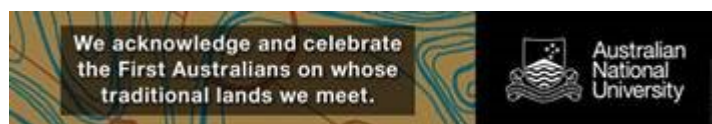
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From: s47F J. Clare, MP s47F
Sent: 24 1:12 PM
To: Thomasina Henriquez <Thomasina.Henriquez@anu.edu.au>; Vice-Chancellor EA <ea.vc@anu.edu.au>
Cc: s47F J. Clare, MP s47F
Subject: RE: Phone call between Minister Clare and the Vice-Chancellor

Good afternoon

Thank you for your email.

s47F has just confirmed the phone call with Minister Clare and Vice Chancellor Genevieve Bell @ 5.30pm today.

The Minister will call the VC, can you please send me her mobile?

Many thanks

s47F

s47F —Program Manager

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From: Thomasina Henriquez <Thomasina.Henriquez@anu.edu.au>
Sent: Tuesday, June 4, 2024 12:35 PM
To: s47F J. Clare, MP s47F

Cc: Vice-Chancellor EA <ea.vc@anu.edu.au>; s47F J. Clare, MP s47F

Subject: Re: Phone call between Minister Clare and the Vice-Chancellor

Thank you, s47F

s47F please do let us know if there is anything you need from us in relation to this afternoon's call.

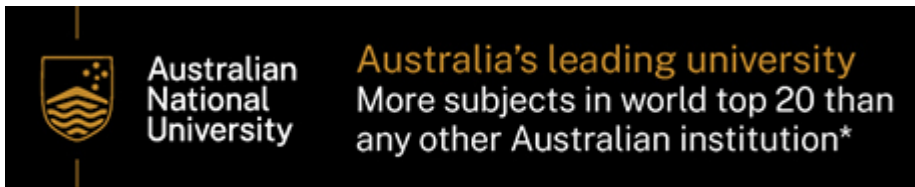
Warm regards
Thomasina

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From: s47F J. Clare, MP s47F
Date: Tuesday, 4 June 2024 at 12:31 pm
To: Thomasina Henriquez <Thomasina.Henriquez@anu.edu.au>
Cc: Vice-Chancellor EA <ea.vc@anu.edu.au>; s47F J. Clare, MP)

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Subject: RE: Phone call between Minister Clare and the Vice-Chancellor

Hi Thomasina

Thank you for your email!

I have cc'd in s47F who is the Minister's Program Manager – she would be best to speak to about this.

Kind regards

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From: Thomasina Henriquez <Thomasina.Henriquez@anu.edu.au>
Sent: Tuesday, June 4, 2024 12:29 PM
To: s47F [REDACTED], J. Clare, MP s47F [REDACTED]
Cc: Vice-Chancellor EA <ea.vc@anu.edu.au>
Subject: Phone call between Minister Clare and the Vice-Chancellor

Good afternoon s47F [REDACTED]

I understand that s47F [REDACTED] has arranged for the Minister to speak with the Vice-Chancellor this afternoon at 5.30pm. Are you able to confirm that this is the case, and whether the Minister has the Vice-Chancellor's mobile number?

I have cc'd the Vice-Chancellor's Executive Assistant, Brittany Burgess, to help coordinate this afternoon's call.

Thanking you.

Warm regards
Thomasina

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Vice-Chancellor EA

Subject: Phone call: Minister Clare | Vice-Chancellor
Location: Phone call - Minister to ring Vice-Chancellor's mobile

Start: Tue 4/06/2024 5:30 PM
End: Tue 4/06/2024 5:45 PM

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Accepted

Organizer: ANU Government Relations
Required Attendees: Vice-Chancellor

Categories: Phone Call/Teams Meeting

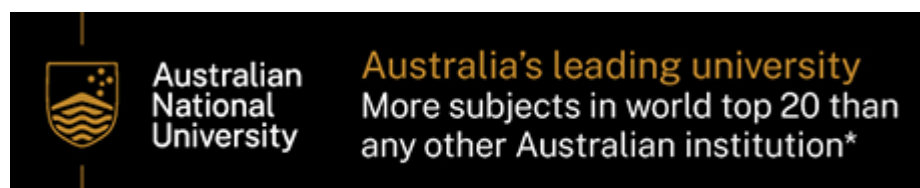
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