

RE: A propos your mention of revenue raising...

From Leigh, Andrew (Private) s.47F Personal privacy

Date Fri 12/9/2025 18:11

To Rebekah Brown s.47F Personal privacy

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Dear Rebekah

That's very kind, but I reckon you're on top of it already! s.47F Personal privacy was proudly telling me today that you're speaking at his International Day of Democracy event on Monday.

Have a beaut weekend, and let me know if there's anything I can do to help you, and the institution we both love.

Andrew.

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Subject: RE: A propos your mention of revenue raising...

Dear Andrew,

Thank you for forwarding this and for your time on the phone earlier. It's very helpful to have your perspective on engaging with the ANU community over the coming weeks - and have my EA finding all the staff gatherings over the next two weeks as a start!

Really terrific you raise international student - thank you. i will review the Tasmanian arrangement and consider how a comparable approach could apply to ANU. I'll be in touch to discuss potential opportunities and next steps.

Kind regards

Professor Rebekah Brown FASSA

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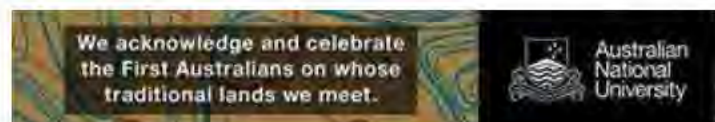
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...here's the announcement our government just made, offering a special deal to help the University of Tasmania attract international students (the Hobart Mercury story is attached too, just fyi).

I'm not sure what the corresponding arrangement would be for ANU, but once you figure it out, let me know and I'm happy to work to persuade colleagues of its merits.

All the best for your next few weeks of being the ever-present, effervescent, proud face of ANU. For what it's worth, a colleague told me early in politics that it makes more sense to attend community festivals than hold your own street corner meetings. So in your case, it might be worth thinking about the biggest gatherings of staff that are happening (conferences, all-staff meetings etc), and just showing up to say a few words of welcome. The dynamics will be much more positive than if you host a town hall meeting, where people will bring their gripes.

Warm wishes,

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Assistant Minister for International Education

Assistant Minister for Citizenship, Customs and Multicultural Affairs

THE HON. JULIE COLLINS MP

Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

Member for Franklin

THE HON. REBECCA WHITE MP

Assistant Minister for Women

Assistant Minister for Indigenous Health

Assistant Minister for Health and Aged Care

Member for Lyons

SENATOR THE HON. CAROL BROWN

Senator for Tasmania

SENATOR RICHARD DOWLING

Senator for Tasmania

JOINT MEDIA RELEASE

Friday, 12 September 2025

GLOBAL TALENT, LOCAL IMPACT: SECURING TASMANIA'S FUTURE WORKFORCE

The Albanese Labor Government is backing Tasmania's future growth with an important change that will further strengthen the University of Tasmania's ability to attract international students and retain skilled graduates to boost the economy.

From today, international students who graduate from the University of Tasmania and live in Hobart will be eligible for an additional year on their Second Post Higher Education Work Stream Temporary Graduate visa.

This change brings southern Tasmanian graduates in line with the rest of Tasmania as well as other regional areas in the country.

The change means, for example, a recent nursing graduate with a Bachelor Degree will be able to continue to work in Tasmanian hospitals for up to four years, rather than three years. A graduate with a Masters Degree (Research) in Engineering will be able to work for five years on essential infrastructure projects such as the Bridgewater Bridge, rather than four. A graduate with a PhD in Chemistry can also continue to contribute their highly specialised skills to their community in fields such as environmental protection or biopharmaceutical production for five years, rather than four.

There are already more than 6,000 international students in Tasmania, who enhance our state's cultural diversity and make a positive contribution to communities across the state. These students work and contribute to our economy, often doing jobs in essential services that would otherwise go unfilled in a tight labour market.

The University of Tasmania is a cornerstone of Tasmania's economy with campuses right across the state, and contributes to generating nearly half a billion dollars for the state annually in export revenue from international education.

This change will also make studying at the University of Tasmania even more attractive for students choosing a premium education experience in Australia. It incentivises students to come here to become engineers and technicians to support Tasmania's national leadership in renewable energy and the transition to net zero, or health practitioners to strengthen Tasmania's health workforce, improving access to healthcare and enhance community wellbeing.

These changes will secure the future of the University of Tasmania, helping it support more Tasmanian students across every campus.

Quotes attributable to Assistant Minister Julian Hill:

"International education is a great Australian success story and is Tasmania's largest service export sector, worth \$470 million in 2024.

"There is significant potential for international education to play an even more powerful role in driving Tasmania's economic growth.

"Tassie has advocated strongly for this change, and the Albanese Government has listened. Tasmania will now be treated fairly like other regional locations nationwide. This change will enhance UTAS's capacity to attract high-calibre international students and retain them in the labour market for longer, enriching the local skills base and long-term prosperity. ♦ □

Quotes attributable to Member for Franklin, Minister Julie Collins MP:

"This is fantastic news for Tasmania – making our state an even more attractive place to study, live and work.

"Giving international students more time here will be a boost to our economy and local businesses as well deliver the skilled workforce Tasmania needs in areas where there is a skills shortage.

"I've been a strong advocate for this change, which enhances Tasmania's competitive advantage and strengthens our states reputation as a destination of choice for international students. ♦ □

Quotes attributable to Member for Lyons, Assistant Minister Rebecca White MP:

"UTAS are training the next generation of doctors, nurses and allied health professionals. International students are an important part of that pipeline, helping us meet the health needs of our communities.

"By staying longer and putting roots down, international students make Tasmania their home. They support our hospitals, aged care facilities and community health services, while strengthening the diversity and inclusiveness that make Tasmania such a welcoming place."

Quotes attributable to Senator for Tasmania, Carol Brown:

"International students who choose Tasmania often stay, work and raise their families here – strengthening our communities, services and economy.

"As a Labor Senator based in Hobart, I've consistently advocated for this change because Tasmania deserves proper recognition as a regional state. This outcome is a real win for our community.

"This decision will enhance the University of Tasmania's global reputation, enrich our multicultural community, and send a clear message that Tasmania is open, welcoming and ready to grow. ♦ □

Quotes attributable to Senator for Tasmania, Richard Dowling:

"The former settings forced UTAS to compete with cities like Perth and the Gold Coast which benefit from a much larger scale and budgets. This change creates a fairer playing field that recognises Tasmania's regional status and dispersed campuses.

"Tasmania needs more graduates who want to work in skilled areas such as engineering, ICT, and pharmacy, which all have critical shortages , and this decision helps attract those students to our State and enhance the future sustainability of UTAS.

"Tasmanian businesses want to invest here, employ more staff, offer better wages, and produce more – and this decision helps prepare the workforce pipeline for them to do that. ♦ □

[ENDS]

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Duncan Abey

EXCLUSIVE —

**UTAS incentive to
keep international
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graduate temporary work visa regulations for Hobart. UTAS vice-chancellor Professor Rufus Black said international students made a valuable contribution to both the university and to the Tasmanian community.

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dress local workforce needs."

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Graduates can stay here

Regional bonus as overseas UTAS students get extra year for temporary work visas

EXCLUSIVE
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"International students enrich our communities, support key industries, and build global connections. As graduates, they help address local workforce needs," he said.

"This important policy change strengthens Tasmania's competitiveness in international education at a time when our communities face critical shortages in areas like engineering, agriculture, health, and ICT."

Welcoming reforms that would help create "a fairer playing field" for UTAS, deputy vice-chancellor Craig Barling said careful growth in international student numbers was vital in ensuring the university's long-term financial sustainability.

"Attracting more students from around the world supports the university's broad offerings for Tasmanian students in all regions of the state," Mr Barling said.

Professor Black paid tribute to the advocacy work of Tasmanian federal parliamentarians – including Labor representatives Senator Richard Dowling, Julie Collins, and Senator Carol, as well as Liberal Senator Jonno Duniham – in achieving the changes to the

working visa policy.

The federal government said there were already more than 6000 international students in Tasmania, with UTAS generating almost half a billion dollars annually in export revenue from international education.

The government said a bachelor-level nursing graduate could now work in Tasmanian hospitals for up to four years, rather than three, while an engineering masters recipient could stay another 12 months beyond the degree's current four-year limit.

Senator Dowling said the visa rule changes recognised Tasmania's regional status and dispersed campuses, and meant UTAS was no longer forced to compete with larger or richer cities, including Perth and the Gold Coast.

"Tasmania needs more graduates who want to work in skilled areas such as engineering, ICT and pharmacy," Mr Dowling said.

Federal member for Franklin Ms Collins said allowing

international students to spend more time in Tasmania would deliver economic benefits, and help meet skills shortages.

"This is fantastic news for Tasmania – making our state an even more attractive place to study, live and work," Ms Collins said.

Assistant Minister for International Education Julian Hill said the reforms would help UTAS's ability to attract high-calibre international students, and then retain them for longer.

**Senator
Richard
Dowling.**



Quick chat?

From Leigh, Andrew (Private) s.47F Personal privacy

Date Fri 2025-09-12 9:13 AM

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Dear Rebekah

Thank you for stepping up to the interim vice chancellor role at a very challenging time. It's good to see a fellow ASSA fellow at the helm.

You'll be inundated with briefings over the next little while, but it would be useful to have a quick chat when you get a moment. I'm on s.47F Personal privacy

Warm wishes

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Fri, 12 Sep at 11:05 am

Hi Andrew. Rebekah Brown.
Left short message.
Looking forward to our
chat. Kind Regards RB



Lovely to chat.
number is
Feel free to say that I gave
it to you. Andrew.

Wed, 1 Oct at 7:21 am

Hi Andrew. I just wanted to
let you know my office is
trying to make a time so I
can visit you. Very keen to
discuss all things ANU and
our international student
pathways etc. Kind
Regards Rebekah



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