



**SUPRA condemns the announcement by Education Minister Dan Tehan to increase the cost of future arts and humanities subjects at universities by 113%.**

While SUPRA welcomes the proposed decreased fees for STEM subjects and an extra 100,000 university places by 2030, we call on the government to provide the additional funding rather than slugging arts and humanities students. If passed in the parliament this means subjects in communications, behavioural science, society and culture will rise to \$14,500, over \$3000 more than Medicine subjects and the top rate for any subject.

SUPRA President Minran Liu, an international PhD in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences said, 'We understand the government wanting more graduates in Health, Education and Engineering areas but we don't believe charging humanities subjects important to developing our critical thinking, policy skills, or understanding of the history of humanity, is the best way of achieving this goal. We think this policy is unfair and will in fact turn students away from these important areas.'

According to several news outlets, including The Guardian, the announced proposal will actually reduce government contributions from 58% to 48% while increasing student contributions from 42% to 52%. At a time when young people are bearing the main cost for the pandemic through job loss and opportunities, and reduced hours, this latest attack on young people is not justified. Australia needs to maintain an internationally competitive economy and this proposal will deprive us of future generations of educated and critically minded people.

SUPRA will work with other student organisations and any politicians who oppose this unfair proposal, to ensure it is defeated.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Minran Liu', is positioned above the printed name.

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