

Subject: FW: University Funding
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From: Plibersek, Tanya (MP)
To: stuart_tricia@bigpond.com
Attachments: Tehan letter 1120.docx, ATT00001.htm

Dear Tricia

Thank you very much for taking the time to get in touch with me about this important issue. I appreciate your advocacy on this matter.

Like you, I am deeply disappointed that American sized university debts are heading Australia's way thanks to [Scott Morrison](#).

It is heart-breaking to think about what our year 12s have been through as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic: remote learning, cancelled sport, cancelled formals.

After the year from hell, the last thing our Year 12s need is the Liberals making it harder and more expensive to go to uni – it's just cruel.

Young Australians, like your daughters, want a fair go. Mums and Dad want opportunities for their kids. I don't want Australia to be like America – where our kids have to get a lifetime of debt to get an education.

We're talking about our kids graduating uni with a debt of around \$60,000 debt for a basic degree – at the same time as they're trying to find work, maybe save a deposit for a house, or start a family.

No Australian should miss out on the job they want, and the education they need to get it, because they can't afford it.

We're in a recession, one in three young people are looking for work or more hours, but clearly Scott Morrison would rather see them on the dole queue than go to uni.

Experts have spoken up and raised similar points that you have raised in your letter, the assumptions made in the development of this legislation are fundamentally flawed.

Please be assured that I will always fight to make sure that every Australian has access to a world-class education – from early childhood education right through to a strong and accessible higher education.

Thank you again for getting in touch.

Best wishes

Tanya

From: Stuart Grigg & Tricia Blombery <>

Sent: Saturday, 7 November 2020 5:28 PM

To: Plibersek, Tanya (MP)

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Hello Tanya,

Hope you are coping well in these difficult times.

Attached is a copy of a letter I am mailing to Dan Tehan about our concerns on the fee structures for universities and the discrimination against women which will increase inequality.

Best wishes

'Tricia Blombery

Graduate Women-NSW Inc