

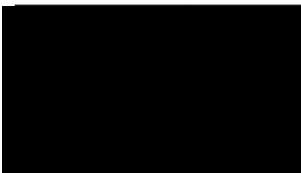
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Dear Professor Mary O'Kane,

The single most important reform to ensure research in our universities becomes sustainable, without draining funds from other sources (*i.e.* international students), is for the overhead (indirect costs) provided for each competitive dollar to be properly matched by the government in the Research Support Program. The initial discussion was for the Accord to include an increase from the current 28 cents per dollar to 50 cents per dollar. This does not appear in the Interim Report of the Australian Universities Accord. I strongly urge you to include this increase as one of the ***Priority Actions*** in the Final Report

Sincerely,



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