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### **More masters degrees to attract student income support**

Media release: The Hon Julia Gillard MP  
March 27 2009

The Minister for Education, Julia Gillard today released an extended list of masters by coursework programs that have been approved for student income support, with students studying these courses now eligible to apply for Youth Allowance and Austudy.

The updated list of over 400 courses includes qualifications required for entry into a profession and builds on the list of previously approved masters courses.

Full article:

[http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Gillard/Media/Releases/Pages/Article\\_090327\\_153457.aspx](http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Gillard/Media/Releases/Pages/Article_090327_153457.aspx)

### **Razor gang hits \$7bn university funding**

The Australian  
March 27 2009

THE federal Government's plans for a \$7 billion revamp of higher education have been recast in the face of economic reality, with the increased funding now expected to be staggered over several years.

Julia Gillard has been considering the new funding in line with the recommendations of the Bradley review, claiming the Howard government had underspent on the sector for 13 years. But the Education Minister and Acting Prime Minister yesterday admitted the Government had been mugged by economic reality in the budget process.

Full article:

<http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/story/0,25197,25248991-601,00.html>

### **Applications open for new partnership fund to boost Asian languages in schools**

Media release: The Hon Julia Gillard MP  
March 24 2009

The Minister for Education, Julia Gillard, today encouraged organisations to apply for funding to help increase the uptake of Asian languages in schools under Round One of the new Strategic Collaboration and Partnership Fund.

Full article:

[http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Gillard/Media/Releases/Pages/Article\\_090324\\_134358.aspx](http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Gillard/Media/Releases/Pages/Article_090324_134358.aspx)

### **Transcript: Radio Interview 2GB**

The Hon Julia Gillard MP

March 26 2009

ISSUES: PM meeting with President Obama; temporary guarantee of state borrowing; whistleblowers protection; Fair Work Bill; Building the Education Revolution; Bradley Review

ALAN JONES: Julia Gillard, is on the line from Canberra. Acting PM, good morning.

Full article:

[http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Gillard/Media/Transcripts/Pages/Article\\_090326\\_121819.aspx](http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Gillard/Media/Transcripts/Pages/Article_090326_121819.aspx)

## **Students rally for a fair go**

The West Australian

March 25 2009

Students from WA universities rallied in Perth today as part of a national call for greater financial support for tertiary students.

The National Union of Students launched the Australia-wide rallies in a bid to address escalating living costs, deregulation of university places and voluntary student unionism.

Full article:

<http://www.thewest.com.au/default.aspx?MenuID=77&ContentID=132311>

## **Fielding attacked for voting down alcopops bill**

ABC Lateline

March 18 2009

One of Australia's leading public health advocates has attacked Senator Steve Fielding's decision to vote down the Government's alcopops bill. Professor Simon Chapman from Sydney University says the defeat of the alcopops bill is a huge setback to the fight against binge-drinking. And there is still the question of what to do with the \$290 million already collected from the tax.

Full article:

<http://www.abc.net.au/lateline/content/2008/s2520097.htm>

## **International Education Sector Remains Strong**

Media release: The Hon Julia Gillard MP

March 18 2009

International Education Sector Remains Strong

The Minister for Education, Julia Gillard has welcomed the International Student Data released today which shows the sector remains strong despite the global economic downturn.

Full article:

[http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Gillard/Media/Releases/Pages/Article\\_090319\\_092218.aspx](http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Gillard/Media/Releases/Pages/Article_090319_092218.aspx)

## **Microsoft wins uni e-mail contract**

The Australian

March 17 2009

QUEENSLAND University of Technology has selected Microsoft over Google to power its new-generation email platform for students.

About 40,000 QUT students will have access to Microsoft Live@edu email and calendaring tools, including Outlook Live, Office Live Workspace and SkyDrive storage.

Full article:

<http://www.australianit.news.com.au/story/0,24897,25196245-15306,00.html>

## **50,000 university students get free Lotus Symphony**

Computerworld Australia  
March 16 2009

Some 50,000 Australian university students will receive a free version of IBM's Lotus Symphony software this month as part of on-campus promotions managed by StudentRights.com.

Full article:

<http://www.networkworld.com/news/2009/031609-50000-uni-students-get-free.html?hpg1=bn>

## **Drive to retain overseas pupils**

The Age  
March 17 2009

THE Federal Government has launched a multimillion-dollar push to defend Australia's share of the international student market against the economic slowdown.

The Government will spend \$3.5 million on the push in the next nine months, which will target Australia's best sources of students, including China, India, South Korea, Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand.

Full article:

<http://www.theage.com.au/national/drive-to-retain-overseas-pupils-20090316-8zx2.html>

## **Gillard's TAFE learning curve**

The Australian  
March 14 2009

THE missing element in the package to address the impact of the global financial crisis is at last being addressed by the Rudd Government: the Australian training system.

Despite its flaws and obvious inflexibility in these times of turbulence, the fundamentals of our vocational education and training system are the envy of the world.

Full article:

<http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/story/0,25197,25182006-7583,00.html>

## **Support wanes for national uni plans**

The Courier  
March 13 2009

A FEDERAL Government feasibility study into a national university for regional Australia is "perplexing", according to University of Ballarat Vice-Chancellor Professor David Battersby. Deputy Prime Minister Julia Gillard this week announced a \$2 million study into the proposed merger of Charles Sturt University and Southern Cross University to create a new national university.

Full article:

<http://www.thecourier.com.au/news/local/news/general/support-wanes-for-national-uni-plans/1459222.aspx>

## **MPs get the bands back together**

Sydney Morning Herald  
March 14 2009

Oh, to be young again. The Environment Minister, Peter Garrett, set aside his briefs for an evening on Thursday and shrieked out - largely unrehearsed - a goodly selection of his old hits at the National Convention Centre in Canberra.

Full article:

<http://www.smh.com.au/opinion/mps-get-the-bands-back-together-20090313-8xsk.html>

## **Student fee plan 'takes away choice'**

The Age  
March 13 2009

PETER Costello relived his experiences as a student activist at Monash University yesterday in a speech denouncing Rudd Government proposals to allow universities to charge students fees to fund campus services.

Mr Costello said that as a student in the mid-1970s, he was forced to join the student union as a condition of his university enrolment.

Full article:

<http://www.theage.com.au/national/student-fee-plan-takes-away-choice-20090312-8wic.html>

## **Student unions part of "Labor Inc": Liberal MP**

Independent Weekly  
March 12 2009

University student unions are a training ground for Labor MPs, federal parliament has been told.

South Australian Liberal MP Jamie Briggs said a bill to allow students to be charged up to \$250 a year to fund services was "part of Labor Inc".

Full article:

<http://www.independentweekly.com.au/news/local/news/political/student-unions-part-of-labor-inc-liberal-mp/1457538.aspx>

## **SCU merger gets money for feasibility study**

Northern Rivers Echo  
March 12 2009

Federal Education Minister Julia Gillard has given \$2 million for a feasibility study into the proposed merger of Southern Cross University and Charles Sturt University.

Full article:

<http://www.echonews.com/index.php?page=News%20Article&article=25482&issue=392>

## **NZ Should Emulate Australian Move To Boost University Graduates**

New Zealand Vice Chancellors' Committee  
March 11 2009

The Australian government's intention to increase university graduate numbers from 2010 underscores the need for a similar goal for New Zealand, according to the Vice-Chancellors' Committee.

Derek McCormack, deputy chair of the NZVCC which represents the country's eight universities, points out that less than 30 per cent of New Zealanders aged between 25 and 34 years currently have a bachelor's degree or higher degree yet the equivalent proportion in Australia is 32 per cent.

Full article:

<http://www.nzvcc.ac.nz/node/369>

## **2GB Radio interview transcript: The Hon Julia Gillard MP**

March 11 2009

ISSUES: Nation Building and Jobs Plan; Pacific Brands; Fair Work Bill; Bowel cancer

ALAN JONES: Thank you for your time. Just before we get into the industrial relations and education areas, those two big areas of your responsibility, families will start receiving the first of two slices of the \$12.2 billion stimulus package today. Do entitled families know who they are?

JULIA GILLARD: Entitled families should know who they are. If anybody's under any doubt, then they can contact Centrelink for information. People will be receiving payments from today and of course, Alan this is about supporting jobs in our community, supporting jobs, particularly in small businesses right around the nation. But the single biggest element of our Nation Building and Jobs Plan was actually our investment in infrastructure and the really big part of that is our investment in schools.

Full article:

[http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Gillard/Media/Transcripts/Pages/Article\\_090311\\_134302.aspx](http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Gillard/Media/Transcripts/Pages/Article_090311_134302.aspx)

## **ABC Goulburn interview transcript: The Hon Julia Gillard MP**

March 11 2009

ISSUES: Drivetrain International, GEERS, Nation Building and Jobs Plan

JOSEPH THOMSEN: The Deputy Prime Minister, Julia Gillard has announced that employees made redundant by Drivetrain Systems International, the gearbox manufacturer at Lavington/Albury, will be given access to the General Employee Entitlement and Redundancy Scheme, or to shorten it, GEERS. More quickly, it will be fast tracked. Whereas you would normally have to wait until the company had actually gone into liquidation, for those 233 people who have already lost their jobs and who won't get the entitlements owed to them, they're going to have their GEERS redundancy payments fast tracked. Julia Gillard is the Deputy Prime Minister and has kindly given us a couple of moments of her time this morning. Julia Gillard, good morning.

Full article:

[http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Gillard/Media/Transcripts/Pages/Article\\_090311\\_134758.aspx](http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Gillard/Media/Transcripts/Pages/Article_090311_134758.aspx)

## **Sky News Agenda interview transcript: The Hon Julia Gillard MP**

March 11 2009

ISSUES: Fair Work Bill

KIERAN GILBERT: The Deputy Prime Minister, Julia Gillard, spent much of Question Time taunting the Opposition over its difficulties formulating a policy post Work Choices. I spoke to Julia Gillard a little earlier. Deputy Prime Minister Julia Gillard, thanks for your time. The Opposition's calling for economic modelling of your Fair Work Bill, your new plan. That sounds reasonable, why not do it?

JULIA GILLARD: The Liberal Party is twisting and turning here to find any excuse to keep Work Choices; that's all this is about, and the hypocrisy of that call from the Opposition is shown by the fact that when they introduced Work Choices, they never released any economic modelling. This Government, by way

of contrast, has had a long period of consultation about a policy we took to the election and got the Australian peoples' mandate for, and we've released a comprehensive regulatory impact statement, one overseen by the Office of Best Practice Regulation, which deals with these economic questions.

Full article:

[http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Gillard/Media/Transcripts/Pages/Article\\_090311\\_085708.aspx](http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Gillard/Media/Transcripts/Pages/Article_090311_085708.aspx)

## **7:30 Report interview transcript: The Hon Julia Gillard MP**

10 March 2009

KERRY O'BRIEN: Julia Gillard, we'll get to the amendments that you're intending to put on the table in a moment but first, I'd like to focus on this latest economic news and the World Bank report. And in the context that when you first formulated your workplace laws, Australia's economy wasn't just going OK, it was booming, and now we just keep hearing more and more harsh news. The latest from the World Bank is that global trade is facing its biggest decline in 80 years. This is the worst global contraction since World War II. Haven't you got to look again at the impact of your workplace laws in that context?

JULIA GILLARD: Kerry, this report from the World Bank is very concerning. It shows how deep the global financial crisis and global recession are, and we've always said to the Australian people that Australia wasn't going to be immune and that's why we acted decisively to stimulate our economy and to support jobs, with much of that economic stimulus going into rebuilding Australia's schools. But your question, Kerry is about our Fair Work Bill. We designed our Fair Work Bill to be.....

Full article:

[http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Gillard/Media/Transcripts/Pages/Article\\_090310\\_141323.aspx](http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Gillard/Media/Transcripts/Pages/Article_090310_141323.aspx)

## **AM Radio Interview transcript: The Hon Julia Gillard MP**

10 March 2009

TONY EASTLEY: The Deputy Prime Minister joins us in the AM studio this morning. Julia Gillard, good morning. You say you'll talk to key Senators today and this week, does that mean you're willing to compromise a little on this proposed legislation as it stands?

JULIA GILLARD: What that means Tony is I'm prepared to talk to Senators Brown and Xenophon and Fielding because I know these Senators, the Greens, opposed Work Choices. So broadly, they are on the same page as the Government. They are opposed to Work Choices, they want to see the rest of it gone and I'm prepared to talk to them in that spirit. We want this legislation to sweep the rest of Work Choices away.

Full article:

[http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Gillard/Media/Transcripts/Pages/Article\\_090310\\_141119.aspx](http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Gillard/Media/Transcripts/Pages/Article_090310_141119.aspx)

## **University push for poorer families**

The Age  
March 10 2009

AN EXTRA 55,000 people from disadvantaged families would go to university by 2020, under an ambitious Federal Government aim to improve access and equity in Australia's higher education system.

Full article:

<http://www.theage.com.au/national/education/university-push-for-poorer-families-20090309-8tbh.html>

## **Give more uni spots to the poor: Julia Gillard**

The Australian

March 10 2009

THE federal Government yesterday urged universities to enrol an additional 55,000 students from poor backgrounds and to reform the research and innovation system.

Full article:

<http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/story/0,25197,25163896-5013871,00.html>

## **Pressure on universities to attract poor**

Sydney Morning Herald

March 10 2009

ELITE Sydney universities need to do more to attract poor students if they accept public funding, the Minister for Education, Julia Gillard, said yesterday.

Ms Gillard singled out the so-called sandstone universities, such as the University of Sydney and the University of NSW, for having the lowest proportion of disadvantaged students.

Full article:

<http://www.smh.com.au/national/pressure-on-universities-to-attract-poor-20090309-8tcg.html>

## **Australian Financial Review - Higher Education Conference**

Speech: The Hon Julia Gillard MP

March 10 2009

Over the last week I've made a series of speeches outlining the Government's response to the Bradley Review of Australian Higher Education, which was released in December.

I've dealt so far with the need for structural overhaul of the higher education sector – specifically a move to a more student-focused model of planning and funding. I've dealt with the need to turn our VET sector into a dynamic pathway of opportunities for students and employers alike.

Full article:

[http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Gillard/Media/Speeches/Pages/Article\\_090310\\_141130.aspx](http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Gillard/Media/Speeches/Pages/Article_090310_141130.aspx)

## **Keeping them guessing**

Sydney Morning Herald

March 09 2009

Funding for higher education change is still uncertain, writes Heath Gilmore.

Julia Gillard and the Innovation Minister, Kim Carr, are performing their version of the dance of the seven veils for Australia's universities, vocation trainers and students. The slow unveiling of the Government's principles for higher education reform in three speeches over seven days has captivated expectant audiences, and garnered extensive and largely positive media coverage in the midst of so much bad economic news.

Full article:

<http://www.smh.com.au/national/keeping-them-guessing-20090308-8sh6.html>

## **Govt pledges 55,000 uni places for disadvantaged students**

ABC News

March 09 2009

The Federal Government has committed to a goal of having 20 per cent of university enrolments filled by students from poorer backgrounds by 2020.

The goal was recommended as part of the Bradley review into higher education, which has called for more than \$6 billion to be spent on an overhaul of the sector.

Full article:

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2009/03/09/2511009.htm>

## **Labor wants more 'poor' students at uni**

Sydney Morning Herald  
March 09 2009

The federal government has vowed to enrol an additional 55,000 students from disadvantaged backgrounds in Australian universities by 2020.

Education Minister Julia Gillard says it makes moral and economic sense to have more indigenous, rural and poor students completing undergraduate degrees.

Full article:

<http://news.smh.com.au/breaking-news-national/labor-wants-more-poor-students-at-uni-20090309-8sws.html>

## **Future bleak for language schools**

New Zealand Herald  
March 09 2009

The number of international students in New Zealand may be up, but the future looks bleak for the industry as forward bookings in English language schools take a dip.

A survey conducted by English New Zealand, a body representing private and public English schools, has found 55 per cent of schools reporting forward bookings to be down on last year with 30 per cent reporting similar trading.

Full article:

[http://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c\\_id=1&objectid=10560601](http://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=10560601)

## **Drive for more poor students in unis**

The Australian  
March 09 2009

THE Rudd Government today set a target of increasing the participation of the poor studying for degrees by 20 per cent by 2020.

The move will require universities and other providers to boost enrolments of low socio-economic status students by 55,000.

Full article:

<http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/story/0,24897,25160451-601,00.html>

## **Shake-up could put some unis, courses at risk**

The Age  
March 07 2009

THE Federal Government's plan to fund universities based on how many students they attract could place some institutions or courses at risk, according to a survey of the nation's vice-chancellors.

Full article:

<http://www.theage.com.au/national/shakeup-could-put-some-unis-courses-at-risk-20090306-8rgz.html>

## **Govt to build better unis, training link**

Sydney Morning Herald  
March 05 2009

Universities will be encouraged to forge links with vocational education institutions to meet Australia's skills needs, Deputy Prime Minister Julia Gillard says.

Ms Gillard announced the establishment of a new federal body to build links between the two sectors as well as plans to expand the role of Skills Australia and improve TAFE retention rates.

Full article:

<http://news.smh.com.au/breaking-news-national/govt-to-build-better-unis-training-link-20090305-80xj.html>

## **Pact to link funding with projects**

The Australian  
March 05 2009

COMPACT agreements between the Commonwealth government and universities that link funding to specific missions will be introduced as part of the Government's shake up of higher education, research minister Kim Carr said today.

Full article:

<http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/story/0,25197,25144128-12332,00.html>

## **University vice chancellors seek funding for expansion targets**

The Australian  
March 05 2009

University vice chancellors are warning they need an immediate funding boost to prepare the sector to meet ambitious new expansion targets, but they are increasingly resigned to having their calls for a substantial rise crunched by the economic crisis.

Full article:

<http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/story/0,25197,25144078-12332,00.html>

## **Universities head for critical mass**

Sydney Morning Herald  
March 06 2009

As revolutions go, the Government's education revolution has been slow and rather indistinct until now. Denise Bradley's review of higher education, which reported last December, was followed by a pause as the Government reflected. Now the Deputy PM, Julia Gillard, has quickened the pace. In speeches on Wednesday and yesterday, Ms Gillard sketched the outlines of the Government's response on universities and vocational education respectively. A third speech on Monday will cover equitable access. Though the full detail of what the Government proposes will only be available with the budget in May, in essence, it seems, the revolution will be one of quantity and centralised control: Canberra wants more of both.

Full article:

<http://www.smh.com.au/opinion/editorial/universities-head-for-critical-mass-20090305-8pvi.html?page=-1>

## **Gillard looks to TAFES for shake-up**

The Age  
March 06 2009

TAFE colleges will be subject to national regulations and quality standards under an overhaul designed to provide the skills needed for economic recovery.

A day after outlining a shake-up of universities, Education Minister Julia Gillard set out her vision for vocational education.

Full article:

<http://www.theage.com.au/national/gillard-looks-to-tafes-for-shakeup-20090305-8q5o.html>

## **Birth of a national system**

Sydney Morning Herald  
March 06 2009

EMPLOYER frustration with inconsistencies between the states in delivering vocational education and training, and a belief they have been blocking reform, provided the impetus for national regulation of the system.

Denise Bradley's review of higher education created the context for developing a closer relationship between universities and the vocational education and training system.

Full article:

<http://www.smh.com.au/national/birth-of-a-national-system-20090305-8q1t.html>

## **Gillard chalks a career path from cradle to grave**

Sydney Morning Herald  
March 06 2009

THE Federal Government is taking greater control of vocational training as part of its overhaul of higher education.

In the second of three speeches addressing the Bradley review of higher education, the Minister for Education, Julia Gillard, announced that the Government would remove barriers between university and vocational education to allow cradle-to-grave learning.

Full article:

<http://www.smh.com.au/national/gillard-chalks-a-career-path-from-cradle-to-grave-20090305-8q1r.html>

## **A proper education revolution won't come cheap**

The Age  
March 06 2009

The proof of the plan will be in funding and other missing details.

TWO years after Kevin Rudd first promised to make an "education revolution" Labor's top priority, his Government has begun to move beyond rhetoric by announcing the biggest changes in higher education in two decades. In the Government's first response to the Bradley review of higher education, Deputy

Prime Minister Julia Gillard has outlined ambitious plans to lift both standards and the proportion of Australians with a degree.

Full article:

<http://www.theage.com.au/opinion/editorial/a-proper-education-revolution-wont-come-cheap-20090305-8pvq.html>

## **Avoid wasteful uni spending - Labor**

The Australian  
March 05 2009

THE Federal Government has warned universities it will not pay for "second rate research" as the global financial crisis hits budgets.

Innovation Minister Kim Carr says research should be concentrated to avoid wasteful spending.

Full article:

<http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/story/0,25197,25143843-12377,00.html>

## **Gillard planning to raise the bar a degree higher**

Sydney Morning Herald  
March 05 2009

JULIA GILLARD has unveiled the biggest overhaul of higher education in 20 years in an effort to encourage an extra 300,000 people to attend university by 2025.

In the first of three speeches yesterday, the Minister for Education said an urgent and revolutionary investment in knowledge and skills was necessary for the prosperity of individuals and the nation, but warned Australia was losing ground because national participation and attainment in higher education was too low.

Full article:

<http://www.smh.com.au/national/gillard-planning-to-raise-the-bar-a-degree-higher-20090304-8ol7.html>

## **Funding plan forces unis to compete for students**

The Age  
March 05 2009

UNIVERSITIES will be able to enrol as many students as they can but will have to lift their game to get government funding, in a shake-up designed to stop Australia's higher education system from falling behind.

The Federal Government will also set ambitious targets for 40 per cent of young people to have at least a bachelor's degree by 2025, up from the current rate of 32 per cent.

Full article:

<http://www.theage.com.au/national/funding-plan-forces-unis-to-compete-for-students-20090304-8oie.html>

## **Proposed uni funding overhaul under fire**

ABC News  
March 04 2009

Education Minister Julia Gillard says by 2025, the Government wants 40 per cent of 25 to 34-year-olds to have obtained a bachelors degree.

She also says by 2012, universities will be funded on a demand-driven model, where universities receive funding for each student in an accredited course.

Full article:

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2009/03/04/2507396.htm?section=australia>

## **Financial crisis no reason to delay uni reforms: Larkins**

The Independent Weekly  
March 04 2009

The head of Australia's peak university body has warned the Rudd Government not to delay overhauling the higher education sector because of the global financial crisis.

Universities Australia chair Richard Larkins says the recent sacking of 1850 workers by clothing manufacturer Pacific Brands, declining car sales and a slowdown in the appetite for Australian resources proves education is the key to prosperity.

Full article:

<http://www.independentweekly.com.au/news/national/national/general/financial-crisis-no-reason-to-delay-uni-reforms-larkins/1450443.aspx>

## **New era for unis as Govt adopts reforms**

The Canberra Times  
March 05 2009

Universities will move to student-centred funding within three years and face a new era of deregulation after the Government yesterday embraced the central recommendations of the Bradley Review of Australian Higher Education.

Education Minister Julia Gillard bluntly blamed economic circumstances for the Government's failure to deliver on the review's recommended \$6.5billion cash injection to the sector by the May 12 budget.

Full article:

<http://www.canberratimes.com.au/news/national/national/general/new-era-for-unis-as-govt-adopts-reforms/1450785.aspx>

## **Radical plan to lift graduates**

The Australian  
March 05 2009

THE Rudd Government will remove caps on the number of university places and allow student demand to drive an ambitious target to raise the number of qualified graduates entering the workforce.

In flagging the most radical shakeup of the university sector since the Dawkins reforms of the late 1980s, Education Minister Julia Gillard yesterday committed to abolishing the cap on commonwealth-supported places by 2012.

Full article:

<http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/story/0,25197,25140880-601,00.html>

## **An Academic Answer**

The Australian  
March 04 2009

## Questions on improving universities are politically tough

WHILE they will have to wait until the budget in May for news of any more money, Australia's universities are expecting the Government's "in principle" response to the Bradley Review of higher education this month. And statements of principle are about all they will get. Professor Denise Bradley proposes changes that are dramatic by academic standards -- especially vouchers for students to use where they like, instead of the present system, which gives the cost of tuition to institutions. But the review ducked the two core issues confronting higher education. First, Professor Bradley does not advocate deregulating undergraduate fees for Australian students. Under her scheme....

Full article:

<http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/story/0,25197,25134960-16382,00.html>

## Universities give tertiary shakeup plan thumbs up

ABC - PM

March 04 2009

MARK COLVIN: The Education Minister Julia Gillard has announced a major shakeup for the nation's tertiary sector.

The Minister says that from 2012, university funding will be directly linked to student demand; caps on student numbers abolished.

Full article:

<http://www.abc.net.au/pm/content/2008/s2507557.htm>

## Federal Government sets a goal by degrees

ABC - The World Today

March 04 2009

ELEANOR HALL: The Federal Education Minister said today that by 2025, she wants 40 per cent of young Australians to have a university degree.

Julia Gillard was responding to the Bradley Review of Higher Education which called for an injection of \$6-billion to overhaul the sector.

Full article:

<http://www.abc.net.au/worldtoday/content/2008/s2507158.htm>

## Gillard reveals massive shake-up of higher education funding for places

The Australian

March 04 2009

IN what would be the biggest structural shake-up of the university sector since the Dawkins reforms of the late 1980s, the federal Government is planning to link funding for tertiary places to student demand.

Full article:

<http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/story/0,25197,25137334-12332,00.html>

## Research, teaching funds paid for services

Sydney Morning Herald

March 05 2009

VOLUNTARY student unionism must be overturned immediately to free up money diverted from teaching and research, the chief executive of Universities Australia has said.

Professor Richard Larkins said the decision to abolish compulsory fees was "outrageous" and the worst example of government intervention into university autonomy he had seen.

Full article:

<http://www.smh.com.au/national/research-teaching-funds-paid-for-services-20090304-8ola.html>

## **Govt moves to reform uni place funding**

ABC News  
March 04 2009

Ms Gillard says the Government is committed to the review's major recommendations. (ABC News: Damien Larkins)

Commonwealth funding for university places will now be allocated on the basis of student demand, under major changes to the system announced by Education Minister Julia Gillard today.

Full article:

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2009/03/04/2506952.htm?section=australia>

## **Spike to help unis weather crisis**

The Australian  
March 04 2009

INCREASED acceptance of university places and buoyant overseas student numbers look set to sustain the university sector through the economic downturn.

Figures are still raw and incomplete, but some universities are reporting 3 per cent to 13 per cent increases in undergraduate acceptance rates, while there are signs in some cases of a boost in postgraduate and mature-age enrolments.

Full article:

<http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/story/0,24897,25134213-12332,00.html>

## **Larkins to warn on cost pressure**

The Australian  
March 04 2009

HIGH costs and structural pressures are likely to drive more universities to specialise and force smaller ones to amalgamate, according to Universities Australia chairman and Monash vice-chancellor Richard Larkins.

The result will likely be a reduction in the number of comprehensive campus-based research-intensive institutions.

Full article:

<http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/story/0,25197,25134616-12332,00.html>

## **Uni revolution: students to set demand**

Sydney Morning Herald  
March 04 2009

Caps on student numbers in universities will be scrapped and demand for particular courses will determine how universities are funded.

In a major change to the higher education system announced today, Education Minister Julia Gillard said that, from 2012, government funding would follow student demand, allowing universities to enrol as many students as they wished.

Full article:

<http://www.smh.com.au/national/uni-revolution-students-to-set-demand-20090304-8ntv.html>

## **Aussie unis set for major overhaul**

The Age

March 04 2009

Australian universities are set for a major overhaul, with the federal government announcing it will act on key aspects of the Bradley review into higher education, including greater deregulation.

Full article:

<http://news.theage.com.au/breaking-news-national/aussie-unis-set-for-major-overhaul-20090304-8nuq.html>

## **Ireland mulls Aussie uni fees model**

The Age

March 04 2009

Australia's student contribution scheme could form the basis of a new system in Ireland, which is considering controversial plans to reintroduce university fees.

A spokesman for Irish education minister Batt O'Keeffe said on Tuesday Australia's Higher Education Contribution Scheme (HECS) and Higher Education Loan Program (HELP) were being examined.

Full article:

<http://news.theage.com.au/breaking-news-world/ireland-mulls-aussie-uni-fees-model-20090304-8nn8.html>

## **Funds crunch threaten universities, vice-chancellors warn**

Adelaide Now

March 03 2009

ADELAIDE'S three universities need at least \$115 million more in the Federal Budget to cut growing class sizes and improve academic standards.

University of Adelaide Vice-Chancellor James McWha says the system is close to crisis point and South Australia is in danger of losing its global reputation for quality institutions.

Full article:

<http://www.news.com.au/adelaidenow/story/0,27574,25131268-2682,00.html>

## **Disadvantaged report flawed, say university chiefs**

The Canberra Times

March 03 2009

The University of Canberra and Australian National University have hit back at a new survey suggesting they have the most socially advantaged students in the country.

A report, compiled for the South Australian-based National Centre for Student Equity in Higher Education, found the UC had the smallest percentage of students from low socio-economic backgrounds, followed closely by the Australian National University.

Full article:

<http://www.canberratimes.com.au/news/local/news/general/disadvantaged-report-flawed-say-university-chiefs/1448433.aspx>

## **NUS launches 'Obama-like' campaign for services fee support**

ABC News

March 02 2009

Related Link: GetUp! student service fee support campaign website The National Union of Students (NUS) has launched a new campaign to urge Federal Parliamentarians to support a compulsory fee for student services at universities.

Full article:

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2009/03/02/2505138.htm>

## **Unis slow to open doors to the poor**

The Australian

March 02 2009

THE Group of Eight research universities are tough institutions for disadvantaged students to get into, but they are not, according to a surprising new study, the toughest of the lot: that dubious honour goes to the University of Canberra.

A report on student equity in higher education, by Griffith University researcher Leesa Wheelahan, found only 3.8 per cent of Canberra's students were of low socio-economic status.

Full article:

<http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/story/0,25197,25124606-601,00.html>

## **Trades face 'class' divide**

The Age

March 02 2009

Industry-based courses are seen by many parents and students as second-class and second-best, writes Caroline Milburn.

MIDDLE-CLASS teenagers will continue to shun trades and other industry-based courses unless Australia radically alters how it provides such education, according to one of Australia's leading job-training educators.

Full article:

<http://www.theage.com.au/national/education/trades-face-class-divide-20090301-8ljf.html>

## **CDU students urged to sign up for union resurgence**

Northern Territory News

March 02 2009

CHARLES Darwin University students could soon see the comeback of their union.

Law student Matthew Bock and indigenous support officer Carla McGrath have been collecting signatures of students interested in being part of the movement.

Full article:

[http://www.ntnews.com.au/article/2009/03/02/36465\\_ntnews.html](http://www.ntnews.com.au/article/2009/03/02/36465_ntnews.html)

## **And now for the goodish news**

Sydney Morning Herald  
March 02 2009

WE ALREADY know the bad news. It's written all over our balance sheets in red ink. For the Education Minister, Julia Gillard, the opportunity, then, to deliver some good economic news must have been a welcome relief. New figures show Australia's third-largest export sector - education - not only held its own, but grew substantially last year. The world might be dumping iron ore and coal orders, but for now its students are still beating a path to Australia's door. The value of international students to the economy was \$14.2 billion last financial year and enrolments grew by 120 per cent, passing the half-million mark for the first time. All this in a year of extraordinary market uncertainty, as the Australian dollar spiked to an uncompetitive US90c average in February last year before slipping back in the morass of the global financial crisis.

Full article:

<http://www.smh.com.au/opinion/editorial/and-now-for-the-goodish-news-20090301-8ldq.html?page=-1>

## **Gillard in pledge to raise uni enrolments**

The Canberra Times  
March 01 2009

The Rudd Government has committed to enrolling an additional 55,000 students from low socio-economic backgrounds by 2020.

Federal Education Minister Julia Gillard delivered a major address on equity in higher education yesterday committing the Government to "pursue vigorously" the goal of enrolling 20 per cent of the 2020 undergraduate intake from disadvantaged backgrounds namely poor, rural and indigenous students.

Full article:

<http://www.canberratimes.com.au/news/national/national/general/gillard-in-pledge-to-raise-uni-enrolments/1454454.aspx>

## **Not enough academics to fulfil uni plan**

The Canberra Times  
February 28 2009

THE Federal Government's plan to overhaul universities is threatened by a shortage of senior academics.

Vice-chancellors have told the Education Minister, Julia Gillard, in private meetings that a target of teaching an extra 330,000 students by 2020 would require thousands more academics and a multibillion-dollar building program.

Full article:

<http://www.canberratimes.com.au/news/national/national/general/not-enough-academics-to-fulfil-uni-plan/1446620.aspx>