

# MEDIA STATEMENT

Monday 28 September 2020

## **Senate Inquiry proves ‘rushed’ Job-ready graduates package needs to be stopped in its tracks**

Following the release of the report of Senate Education and Employment Committee inquiry into the Job-ready Graduates Package on Friday 25 September, the Australian Communications Advocacy Group has renewed calls for the legislation to be abandoned.

The rushed report, conducted in a 22 days, meant that the inquiry did not have the opportunity to adequately canvass the views of those most affected by these changes – the classes of 2020 and beyond.

“This inquiry a sad attempt by the government to rubber-stamp this poorly designed legislation,” said Leigh McClusky, ACAG Chair and PRIA National President.

“We welcome the dissenting reports from Senator Rex Patrick, the Greens and Labour which highlight the inadequacies in the rushed inquiry, which had only three weeks to receive submissions, conduct hearings and prepare a report. Notably, the inquiry did not hear from those at the absolute heart of this debate - the class of 2020 and beyond who will be laden with debt due to this botched legislation.

“The Government will undoubtedly attempt to force this through the Senate again in the coming sitting weeks, and the Australian Communications Advocacy Group will do everything in our power to stop this from passing. Communications is important to all Australians, and the discrimination against our profession is not going unnoticed.”

**ENDS:**

### **Media Contact:**

Australian Communications Advocacy Group  
+61 2 8074 5715 | [media@acag.net.au](mailto:media@acag.net.au)