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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your FOI request. Please find the decision attached.

The Department of Immigration and Border Protection would like to provide you with additional context and information in relation to this draft report.

Firstly, the document released is a draft document only and was never endorsed, approved or finalised. It is not an official Government report and any findings made in the report should be considered in this light.

Secondly, the student visa program has undergone a number of major reforms since 2007, when this draft report was written. Namely, the implementation of recommendations from the Strategic Review of the Student Visa Program (2011) and The Future Directions for Streamlined Visa Processing (2015).

Additionally, the implementation of the Simplified Student Visa Framework in July 2016 has delivered a more targeted approach to immigration integrity, focusing on intelligence-led, systemised tools to manage risk.

These changes, including significant changes to student visa requirements and conditions, have enhanced the integrity of the student visa program by increasing our capacity to investigate fraud and improving our risk management capability.

Today, the Australian student visa program offers an opportunity for people who are not Australian citizens or permanent residents to study in a progressive, secure and culturally diverse learning environment and delivers both economic and social benefits to the nation.

If you have any questions or concerns you can contact [REDACTED]

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Yours sincerely

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