



# Australian Universities Accord

## Update from Mary O’Kane – 19 July 2023

My colleagues and I are delighted that the Hon Jason Clare MP, Minister for Education, is releasing the Interim Report of the Australian Universities Accord Panel today. On behalf of the Panel, I would like to thank everybody who contributed ideas, suggestions and reflections.

The Interim Report contains five recommendations for priority action. These are modest and practical measures that the Panel believes can be implemented to begin strengthening the accessibility, fairness, stability and integrity of the higher education system.

The Interim Report also contains a range of considerations for change. We are looking forward to discussion and debate on these.

To facilitate this, there is a submission process that opens today and remains open until 1 September 2023 to provide feedback on the Interim Report. In addition to commenting on the considerations for change, we’d like to encourage you to tell us about issues we may not have covered.

Over the next few months, we will continue structured consultation to refine our analysis and ideas, and to inform our final recommendations.

We look forward to presenting our Final Report in December 2023.

Mary O’Kane, Chair