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### Update from Mary O’Kane – 04 October 2023

In the Panel’s work to date, we have consulted widely. We have asked big questions and received thoughtful answers – many of these drawn from responses across two prior submission rounds.

In my last update I called for submissions once more.

Again, and on behalf of the Panel, I thank stakeholders for their enthusiastic response. We received over 300 further submissions addressing the priority recommendations, ideas and considerations for change proposed in the Australian University Accord Interim Report. Submissions for which we have author permission are available on the [Accord website](#).

In addition, I recently met with Emeritus Professor Deborah Brennan AM and Dr Lisa O’Brien AM, respective Chairs of the *Inquiry into Australia’s Early Childhood Education and Care System* and the *Review to Inform a Better and Fairer Education System*, to discuss connections and opportunities across these parallel education reviews.

Structured consultation is ongoing. The Panel has met with students, employers, private providers, universities, peak bodies, and government agencies.

And now, in the final stages of this Review, we are busy reflecting on all that we have heard.

We continue to refine our analysis and recommendations and look forward to presenting our Final Report in December 2023.

Mary O’Kane, Chair