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# Australian Strategy for International Education consultation submission

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Q6. 1 - What do you see as the key priorities for a new Australian strategy for international education? [limit to 500 words]

A key priority I would like to see is getting more international students into regional universities and cities like Townsville and look at actively promoting Townsville on an international scale as a place to study and live.

Q7. 2 - Students should be at the centre of the new Strategy. How can Australian education providers deliver the best possible student experience both now and in the future? [limit to 500 words]

By developing high quality campuses that cater to student needs and keep up with innovation in technology.

Q8. 3 - What changes are needed to make Australia more globally competitive over the next decade? [limit to 500 words]

Offering incentives to overseas students to choose Australia and regional locations and for regional locations only look at eliminating the need for a visa from select countries.

Q22. 3.1 - Policy and regulatory flexibility are important in enabling providers to innovate. How can we utilise these settings to pursue opportunities, and in what other ways can we work together to ensure Australia remains globally competitive? [limit to 500 words]

I think we need to look at greatly reducing the amount of regulation and streamlining the processes and making them faster and more efficient.

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4 - How can providers, governments and stakeholders work together to achieve diversification opportunities (for example of disciplines, source countries, study destinations and delivery models)? [limit to 500 words]

Government can work with source countries to promote cities like Townsville as an attractive place to study and live.

Q9.  
5 - What are the necessary skills for the future that students should be prepared for? [limit to 500 words]

I think more students should start learning skills related to robotics and artificial intelligence, skills around aged care and healthcare in general should also be a focus.

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5.1 - How can Australia improve employability outcomes for international students, ensuring students have the necessary the skills to compete in a globally competitive labour market? [limit to 500 words]

It can improve employability outcomes by introducing a new government department that works as an intermediate between employers and students by identifying new roles for them and helping to fill gaps.

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6 - How do we create a uniquely Australian education experience? [limit to 500 words]

We can create a uniquely Australian education experience by remaining friendly, welcoming and having a can do attitude.

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6.1 - What is our value proposition for both international and domestic students? [limit to 500 words]

Our value proposition is they can come and study in a safe and welcoming environment that is at the forefront of innovation and strives for excellence.

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6.2 - How do we offer an Australian education experience while complementing the value of Australian offshore and online education? [limit to 500 words]

I am not sure, I would prefer that most education is done onshore.

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7 - What else should the Council for International Education and the Australian Government consider in developing a new strategy? [limit to 500 words]

Developing a department that has the sole purpose of promoting cities like Townsville as an attractive place to live and study in the face of major competition from capital cities.

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8 - Do you have any additional comments or feedback to share?

Over the last few decades there has been a distinct lack of promotion of cities like Townsville as attractive places to study and live, the capital city universities have the benefit of huge budgets for advertising and easy access to international flights, maybe the government could also look at chartering flights from source countries to Townsville? It is sad that the city has been left behind and this is an opportunity to grow the city and its international student population.

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