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International education policy change enhances industry quality

Australian Council for Private Education and Training (ACPET) CEO Rod Camm has welcomed the introduction of bills into federal Parliament today, that will reduce the red tape and unnecessary regulation to protect the high quality of Australia's international education sector.

"The proposed changes to Australia's Education Services for Overseas Students (ESOS) legislation will give Australia's Education sector a real chance. By reducing unnecessary regulation, providers will be able to get on with the task of growing the sector and providing quality education to students from around the world," Mr Camm said.

"The legislative amendments will align domestic and international education regulations and streamline some of the reporting and administrative requirements for providers. Foremost, they will maintain the strong quality and student protection standards that are a feature of Australia's international education sector."

"International education is Australia's largest services export worth more than \$18 billion annually. With the growth opportunities identified in Asia and Latin America there is a real opportunity to build on the strong growth in recent years."

"The international education sector is, however, highly competitive and we need to ensure that everything is done to maintain our competitiveness and keep our focus on the quality of education and the overall student experience. The legislative changes will dovetail with the federal government's efforts to grow the sector through initiatives like the National Strategy for International Education."

Mr Camm praised the comprehensive consultations that were undertaken with the sector in finalising legislative changes, "They did a first rate job in working with the sector to identify the changes to the ESOS legislation."

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