

The Isolated Children's Parents'
Association of Australia
ICPA (Aust)



2020 Federal Conference

Supplementary
Motions

5 August & 6 August 2020

Web Conference

S1. Western Australia State Council (WA)**CARRIED/LOST**

“That ICPA (Aust) lobbies the Education Minister, Hon Dan Tehan MP, to review the Government’s recent decision to increase university course fees for humanities, commerce and law.”

Explanation:

When choosing a university course, it is commonplace for students to choose an area of study that interests them. Increasing the fees of courses will only serve to put students into even more debt. Students should not be restricted from studying their degree of choice due to increased financial concerns. It is proven that it is easier to learn and excel in a topic if you are interested in that subject. The best outcomes are as a result of matching disciplines and the talents of those who wish to study them.

Minister Tehan is offering cheaper degrees to students in subject areas where jobs are most needed. “What this is about is incentivising people to look at allied health, to look at engineering, to look at IT,” he said.

What we need are the best people for the job, the people who are passionate about the job, not the people who chose the degrees because they are the cheapest.

Where will we find the teachers for our high schools if they cannot afford to study their humanities degree, before going into teaching and being that specialised teacher at high school?

The incentives to encourage students to study subjects that are projected to become employment hotspots should not be at the expense of other areas of study.

S2. Namoi Branch (NSW)**CARRIED/LOST**

“That ICPA (Aust) lobbies the relevant Ministers to obtain a rebate for rural and remote customers who will need to upgrade equipment (aerials and boosters) to change from 3G to 4G.”

Explanation:

We feel that with the changing over from 3G to 4G that the cost should not be a further burden on rural and remote customers. In some areas in the North West there are large gaps or distances between towers and some towers have been upgraded to 4G and others are still 3G. If you have old aerials and devices, they do not work on the 4G system. This is not a cheap exercise, and, in some cases, we are doing this just to get some service – not even a great service.

S3. Queensland State Council (Qld)**CARRIED/LOST**

“That in light of 2021 being a celebration of the 50th year of ICPA Australia, Federal Conference be held on the 28/29 July in the regional location of Longreach, Queensland to best reflect the grassroots of our organisation for this significant milestone year.”