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Parliament House
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Dear Mr Howard,

Response to the Inquiry into Geographical Differences in the rate in which Victorian Students participate in Higher Education

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input to this important review of the geographical differences in the rate in which Victorian Students participate in Higher Education and for granting the requested extension of time within which to lodge our submission.

The Gippsland Local Government Network (GLGN) is an alliance of six Gippsland Councils who work collaboratively on a range of issues and projects of mutual interest. The six GLGN Councils include: Bass Coast Shire Council, Baw Baw Shire Council, East Gippsland Shire Council, Latrobe City Council, South Gippsland Shire Council and Wellington Shire Council. Together, these Gippsland Councils equate for more than a third of rural and regional Victoria.

This submission is in addition to the individual responses lodged by Bass Coast Shire Council and Wellington Shire Council. It is intended to complement these previous submissions.

The following comments summarise the issues that GLGN feel are important to the whole of Gippsland and consider essential for address within the inquiry.

If you have any questions regarding the matters raised in this submission, please do not hesitate to contact our secretariat, Kate McMillan on 8317 0111 or by email at katem@socom.com.au.

Yours sincerely,

Cr Neville Goodwin,
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