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Committee Secretary  
Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade  
PO Box 6021  
Parliament House

Dear Secretary

**Inquiry into Australia's trade and investment relationship with the United Kingdom**

Hawthorn Campus

Swinburne requests consideration of an unfettered exchange of both educational and research services being enshrined in any revised trade partnership. This exchange would

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include enabling free movement of academic staff and students between Britain and Australia and the opportunity to participate in research activities in each other's countries with no more regulation or scrutiny than would be ordinarily applied to a domestic provider.

This approach is supported by our highly similar systems and standards, and the innate high level of quality assurance that is therefore present in both of our regulatory environments.

A secondary but equally important component of this free exchange would be reciprocal recognition of qualifications between our two nations.

For example, a degree or certificate obtained in either country ought to be recognised as valid in both countries without the need to re-train or otherwise complete onerous

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## Recommendation 2

That the Commonwealth Government encourage partnerships between higher education providers and industry across both nations, with a particular focus on the growth areas of

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