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**To:** John Brumby

# Subject: La Trobe submissions on regional higher education

Dear John

Thanks for the encouragement to contact you about La Trobe’s views on regional policy, especially so far it relates to higher education and research.

I attach two documents.

The first, ‘A new architecture for regional higher education policy’, is a document we have prepared for our own purposes to inform debate about the future of regional higher education. A number of our regional local members, from all sides of politics, have expressed interest in learning more about the challenges of regional higher education, the adequacy of current policy settings and the ways in which those settings may need to change. You will see that there is a specific section directed to State Governments.

The second is La Trobe’s submission to the McKenzie review of TAFE funding, and specifically addresses the interface between VET and higher education funding policy as it currently stands, and the ways in which it can be improved in the interests of students.

I hope you find these useful.

We would be delighted to discuss them with you further.

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