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Dear Professor Krause,

The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Higher Education Consortium is pleased to provide the following comments as a response to the consultation paper.

NATSIHEC wholly supports the pursuit of consistency and transparency in the university admissions process. Any strategies that aim to provide potential applicants, their families and communities the fullest and latest information in accessible media is welcome.

It is pleasing to see Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander selection mechanisms explicitly included in the Draft whole-of-institution admissions information set.

As to the Draft course admission information set. Given the overarching aim of this work is to better support applicants in their choice of course and institution, has the working group considered requiring institutions to include graduate destination and employment data. We also note the tight timeframes set out in the draft implementation plan and raise concerns in regards to the quality of outcomes able to be realistically achieved within these timeframes.

In relation to providing a consistent approach to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander entry programs, it is noted that nationally there are many variances to the requirements and processes required. It is recommended that an audit be undertaken to determine in collaboration with NATSIHEC how this diverse information can be presented in a transparent and consistent manner. As stated earlier NATSIHEC supports any strategies that aim to provide potential applicants, their families and communities fullest and latest information, therefore would be happy to work collaboratively with the Implementation committee and other relevant parties to achieve this outcome.

Yours sincerely,

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