

CQU Submission – Australia-China FTA Negotiations

Dear Stephanie,

Thank you for taking the time to meet with our Deputy Vice-Chancellors (International & Corporate) and (Resources) on your recent trip to Rockhampton as well as staff from our international office.

In responding to you on what CQU views as important considerations in any FTA negotiations with China, we offer the following comments on just two points.

CQU would seek to have the degrees it awards officially recognised by the Chinese central government in Beijing. Many countries, and CQU believes that China may be one, still appear to operate under a system where foreign degrees, such as those awarded by CQU, may not be recognised as an appropriate qualification for people wishing to enter the public service.

CQU would seek to have the Chinese central government in Beijing officially recognise that the degrees offered by the University in-country at a delivery site are equivalent to those taught to students studying on an Australian campus. CQU currently believes that this may not be the position held by the Chinese central government. CQU's degrees are equivalent across all of our campuses and delivery sites, and by distance education.

Our feedback is brief. If you have any questions in relation to our feedback or our international operations in general, please do not hesitate to contact Kathy Ramm, Director, CQU International (above email address) or myself.

Kind regards,

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