



STATEMENT REGARDING THE RED ZONE REPORT

University Colleges Australia acknowledges the work by EROC and finds the contents of the Red Zone Report deeply distressing.

Behaviours such as hazing rituals, misogyny and bullying have no place in university residences or anywhere else in society. The behaviours outlined in the report are simply unacceptable and in some cases possibly illegal.

University Colleges Australia and its members are committed to the safety, welfare and wellbeing of residents, visitors and staff; adopt a zero-tolerance approach to such behaviour; and will continue to develop and encourage a culture that supports reporting.

University Colleges Australia is committed to supporting its members in engaging with their students and staff on the report's findings, including reaffirming behaviour and conduct policies, and the expert-led, trauma-informed, evidence-based educational and support programs already in place.

We look forward to the important work that our working party *Respectful Relations – Response and Resources Advisory Group* will undertake during this year and actively support collaboration with our universities in sharing the duty of eliminating the risk of sexual misconduct and will continue to work with universities in the achievement of its objectives.

University Colleges Australia will also continue to work with its members, universities and other relevant organisations in further developing and refining these policies and programs as we are doing with the findings and recommendations of the Australian Human Rights Commission's National Report on Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment at Australian Universities commissioned as part of the university sector's 'Respect.Now.Always' initiative.

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