**Information for writing to Cabinet Ministers about the kangaroo courts**

Here are the Cabinet Ministers we would like you to write to:

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Information about addressing letters to these people is [here](https://innersydneyvoice.org.au/our-resources/inner-sydney-resources/guidelines-on-writing-to-a-member-of-parliament/). Please send to as many ministers as you can.

You will find detailed information about the kangaroo courts on my website – [here.](https://www.bettinaarndt.com.au/kangaroo-courts/)

**But here are some key points you may like to include in your letter.**

*(Note it is better if you can put this in your own words – so they don’t all sound the same.)*

The Honourable (full formal name) OR Mr, Ms, Dr (full formal name)
Level 33 Governor Macquarie Tower
1 Farrer Place
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Mr, Ms, Dr (last name only)

I am writing to endorse Recommendation 36 from the Legislative Council’s Tertiary inquiry requiring universities to close down their “kangaroo courts” for adjudicating sexual assault. I urge the Cabinet to take prompt action to legislate on this important issue.

There is widespread disquiet in the community that our universities have taken it on themselves to usurp the criminal law system, introducing new regulations for adjudicating sexual assault using a lower “balance of probabilities” standard of proof, and making no provision for protecting the legal rights of the accused.

This has resulted in what amount to “kangaroo courts,” where committees of unqualified people are making decisions, with no proper scrutiny or transparency, which can lead to students being suspended or expelled from universities. Taking a student’s degree is not a prescribed penalty for sexual assault.

I am particularly concerned that the universities have taken this action following an orchestrated campaign by feminist activists falsely claiming there was a “rape crisis” on our campuses – despite the Australian Human Rights Commission survey which showed no such thing. The survey thankfully found very small numbers experiencing sexual assault (an average of 0.8 per cent across each of the two years studied).

These kangaroo courts expose the universities to financial risk through exposure to potential lawsuits as a result of the failure to protect fundamental legal rights of the accused. In the USA there have been over 650 lawsuits against universities arising from lack of due process in sexual misconduct cases, with most of the lawsuits resulting in adverse findings against the universities.

Given the current financial crisis facing our universities, now is the time for these institutions to focus on their core business of providing higher education, rather than involving themselves in ideologically-driven efforts to increase rape convictions.

Yours sincerely,