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Mr Kerry Shine MP Chair Industry, Education, Training and Industrial Relations Committee Parliament House, George Street Brisbane Qld 4000 Email: ieter@parliament.gld.gov.au

## Dear Mr Shine

Thank you for the invitation to comment on the Education and Training Legislation Amendment Bill 2011. James Cook University supports the proposed amendments to legislation that will permit universities to lease trust or reserve land for up to 100 years and clarify the purpose for which trust land may be used.

These amendments will further enhance our ability to provide world-class educational facilities to the people of North Queensland and position James Cook University as a hub for research and teaching on issues of importance to the tropical world.

Yours sincerely

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