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To the Fellows of Senate of  
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Dear Fellows of Senate,

I have previously voiced concerns about University of Sydney management to Senate in February 2022, when what I suspected to be proxy targeting of my students, which I consider the nadir of managerialist depravity, and what appeared to be in response to my public interest disclosure (PID) reached a peak. I issued a vote of no confidence against the chancellor and vice chancellor but there was no response from Senate.

I therefore included my concerns in my testimony to the Tasmanian parliament which is in the public domain and can be found here:

**PUBLIC. THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SELECT COMMITTEE, 6 DECEMBER 2022,  
INQUIRY INTO THE PROVISIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TASMANIA PROVISIONS  
ACT 1992**

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University audit has been allowed to malfunction and this is still the case. USAP Council offered to engage with management to find a proper independent investigator for the PID but instead management hired a person that was not considered suitable by USAP Council. The same management now appears to be retaliating and threatening me with dismissal in what looks like the ultimate attempt to cover its tracks while abusing the university's resources for its machinations.

However, society needs good universities and urgently as humanity is facing a new threat by uncontrolled artificial intelligence. Universities are the places where human intelligence and ideally morals are cultivated through example and rigorous application of academic principles. Good autonomous universities are protectors of democracy. Universities run by managers in place of academics are the opposite. The use of lies to justify actions characterizes totalitarian states.

Therefore, universities are far more important to society than as a source of income or for teaching skills that are best learned on the job.

Parliament needs to know about the in my and colleagues' opinion dire state of University of Sydney management, so that the governance of our university can be corrected. It appears that Senate has been ignoring the problems far too long but may also have been kept in the dark partly. There needs to be an external and truly independent inquiry which is what USAP is pressing for. The violations of academic standards and principles by managers and their gaslighting of the public must stop.

Good management would not target the whistle-blower but rectify the situation and there is still time to do it. Management is not above the law.

Yours sincerely,



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