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Will Hodgman MP

Leader of the Opposition

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Tasmanian education suffers at the hands of Labor

Leader of the Opposition, Will Hodgman, has condemned the Rudd Government's short-changing of the University of Tasmania, which has resulted in a 25% hike in HECs fees.

Mr Hodgman said Labor was putting obstacles in the way of making Tasmania a Smarter State.

The University's decision to raise HECs fees may deter people from pursuing tertiary education in the State, which would be a highly regrettable outcome.

"It is appalling that a lack of Federal Government support has forced the University into this position where students are going to have to pay considerably more for their degrees," Leader of the State Opposition, Will Hodgman, said.

"We should be breaking down barriers to people furthering their education – not putting up new ones. So much for Kevin Rudd's education revolution. What this decision shows is that the federal and state Labor governments are all spin and no substance."

During the last federal election campaign, you couldn't turn on the television without hearing Mr Rudd describing the virtues of an education revolution, meanwhile in Tasmania, Mr Bartlett is reciting the mantra of clever, kind and connected at every opportunity.

“But Labor’s actions don’t match its words. The cost of university education in Tasmania is going up under Kevin Rudd and the outcomes for Tasmanian students are the worst in the country under David Bartlett.

“We all know that we can’t trust Mr Rudd, Mr Bartlett and the Labor Party, and we are now finding out that we can’t afford them either.

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