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Charles Sturt University
Panorama Ave
Bathurst 2795
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Attention: Dr. R. Meyenn, Provost and Special Adviser, Ontario

Dear Dr. Meyenn,

I am writing with respect to Charles Sturt University's application for a consent of the Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities to offer and advertise a Bachelor of Secondary Education Studies program in Ontario. Pursuant to subsections 5 (2) & (3) of the *Post-secondary Education Choice and Excellence Act, 2000*, (the PSECE Act), I referred your application to the Postsecondary Education Quality Assessment Board for review and recommendation.

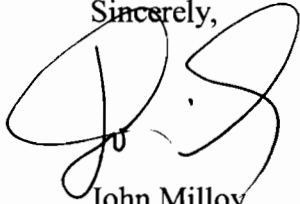
After careful consideration, I have determined not to grant consent to Charles Sturt University to offer the above-noted program in Ontario. My decision has taken into account the recommendations of the Postsecondary Education Quality Assessment Board (PEQAB), as well as broader Ontario government policy or financial priorities, strategic directions or issues that, in my opinion, are relevant to the application and the granting of the consent. Pursuant to subsection 5(4) of the PSECE Act, this decision is final.

Teacher education and teacher employment opportunities are important issues for my Government and ministry. I have a responsibility to carefully consider Charles Sturt University's application to offer a teacher education program in the context of the extent to which existing Ontario teacher education programs are meeting current and foreseeable needs across the province. I must also consider the opportunities or lack of opportunities for employment by teacher education program graduates. Recent evidence suggests that existing teacher education programs in Ontario (public and private) will provide a sufficient supply of teacher graduates to meet Ontario's anticipated teacher demand. In fact, over the past few months, it has become increasingly clear that Ontario is entering a period of teacher surplus in many regions of the province.

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After carefully considering and balancing these considerations, I am of the opinion that it would not be in the public interest to grant consent to Charles Sturt University to offer and advertise a Bachelor of Secondary Education Studies program in Ontario.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JM', written over a circular stamp or seal.

John Milloy
Minister