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Charles Sturt University
The Grange
Panorama Avenue
Bathurst, NSW 2795
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Attention: Professor Ian Goulter, Vice-Chancellor

Dear Professor Goulter:

I am writing with respect to the application submitted by Charles Sturt University to award honorary degrees. Pursuant to the *Post-secondary Education Choice and Excellence Act, 2000* (the Act), your application was referred to the Postsecondary Education Quality Assessment Board.

I have received the Board's recommendation. After considering that recommendation as well as relevant issues and public policy matters, I have decided to reject this application and not grant consent to the application of Charles Sturt University to award honorary degrees. In accord with section 5(4) of the Act, this decision is final.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christopher Bentley".

Christopher Bentley
Minister