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Private education providers work to stop sexual assaults and harassment

The Australian Council for Private Education and Training (ACPET) is very concerned by a report released by the Australian Human Rights Commission (AHRC) of the prevalence of sexual assaults and sexual harassment on university campuses.

ACPET CEO Rod Camm, said these numbers are unacceptable and action needs to be taken to prevent and educate students as well as staff about this type of damaging and unacceptable behaviour.

“While this report focused on university students, the private education sector is very concerned by these numbers and will work with our members to ensure that comprehensive arrangements are in place to prevent similar behaviour at our campuses,” Mr Camm said.

“These statistics provided in the report, while based on the experience of students at universities, do identify real issues and we will do whatever we can to protect students and staff from such behaviour while ensuring that we are also providing support for victims of sexual assault and sexual harassment,” Mr Camm said.

“ACPET will take this report to our higher education committee to see how we can resource our members to tackle this issue and ensure that campuses for are a safe and respectful place for our students,” Mr Camm said.

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ACPET CEO Rod Camm is available for interview.