

THE TURNBULL COALITION TEAM

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The Plan for a Strong New Economy



JASON WOOD FEDERAL MEMBER FOR LA TROBE

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BERWICK CAMPUS – 2017: OPEN FOR BUSINESS

Jason Wood, Federal Member for La Trobe, said at the outset of this election campaign that he would work tirelessly to secure a university campus at Berwick and he has delivered on that commitment.

“I said that I would deliver a university presence that focused on innovation and entrepreneurship and I will deliver on that commitment,” Mr Wood announced today.

Monash University has gone through a process of considering three strong formal bids. Two of those bids were from Victorian-based universities. Monash has selected one of those universities as the preferred institution to provide ongoing higher education courses at the Berwick campus.

“A due diligence process has commenced and I would expect that the arrangements will be confirmed in the coming weeks. I have not played politics with this issue. The local community is too important to me for that.

“I have worked hard quietly behind the scenes, working with Monash University and the local community and other higher education stakeholders to secure the best possible outcome for the community in and around Berwick.”

The preferred provider proposes to deliver ten courses next year while Monash University continues to teach out existing students in a transition year in 2017. The Turnbull Liberal Team is seeking an extension to VTAC deadlines to enable students to have clear options for study choices on the campus next year.

“I welcome that this outcome will provide more courses than currently offered at the Berwick campus and which will focus on collaboration with TAFE and industry.”

Minister Birmingham visited the Berwick campus with Mr Wood last week to discuss local priorities and the importance of ensuring a strong, continuing higher education pathway in the region.

“I look forward to continuing to work with the local community and education providers to secure this great outcome for education in the region.”

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