Good Afternoon

I read with dismay an article in today's *Canberra Times* "Spare art history this shotgun marriage" by Professor Sasha Grishin. I am an honours student at the ANU School of Inquiry, studying Art History and Curatorship, having commenced my studies at ANU in 2010, as a mature-age student. One of the primary reasons I chose to take three, initially, now four years off from the workforce was the opportunity to obtain a degree from a local institution with an outstanding reputation, particularly in the Arts. What Professor Morphy has proposed will damage the reputation of the qualification of Bachelor of Art History and Curatorship and have a detrimental impact on future employment prospects. Additionally, any thoughts I have been toying with regarding postgraduate study at ANU under the proposed re-structure will need to be completely reconsidered, with any further study now needing to be undertaken at either Sydney or Melbourne Universities; universities that value the discipline of Art History.

I urge you to reject Howard Morphy's proposed changes.

Yours Sincerely

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