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### **800,000 Women Students Reject Q&A #MeToo Panelist**

The National Union of Students, along with the Women's Officers from 15 student organisations across the country have released a letter to the Australian Broadcasting Company expressing their anger at the inclusion of Charles Waterstreet on the Q&A panel of its #MeToo special in February.

"Survivors are being silenced while Charles Waterstreet is given a platform to publicly downplay and excuse his actions" said NUS Women's Officer, Kate Crossin, "This is a huge slap in the face to the women students who stand up against sexual assault and harassment, especially the women who bravely came forward about Waterstreet."

The prevalence of sexual harassment and assault on campuses and in workplaces is not a new concept in this country.

"Women's officers and advocates around Australia have been trying to bring this issue to light for decades and for the ABC to use this discussion to provide a platform to alleged perpetrators is abhorrent." said Crossin, "The ABC needs to prioritise the voices of survivors in this very important and long overdue discussion"

The open letter to the Australian Broadcasting Company can be found [here](#).

Students are calling for Nina Funnell, award winning journalist and survivor advocate, to be invited as a panelist on Q&A's #MeToo special.

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