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# TEQSA talks

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**CEO update**

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# International students and visa integrity

- Poor practices increase the risk of:
  - overseas students not set up for success
  - students being exploited
  - undermining Australia's reputation for quality education
- This has significant potential to undermine trust in Australian higher education



# International students and visa integrity

- TEQSA has observed significant risks within the higher education sector
- There will be ongoing monitoring and focus
- Providers should ensure oversight arrangements are strong, compliant and appropriately monitored



# Student protests on campus

## TEQSA's approach to date

- Ongoing monitoring since October 2023
- TEQSA established Regulatory Response group as situation escalated. This group is still meeting
- Direct engagement with providers with protest activity
- Letters to providers sent - 10 May and 5 June 2024



# Student protests on campus

## Further considerations

- Protest activities and encampments have decreased but ongoing leadership focus, and resourcing will be needed
- Events in the Middle East and protest activity on campus will have continued impact
- Ongoing risk of provocation, discrimination and vilification needs to be monitored and actively managed



# TEQSA's regulatory strategy

- New strategy to guide TEQSA's future regulatory approach
- Comprehensive engagement
- Expected timeline: 12-18 months





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# Thank you

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