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More uni student places a boon for Flynn

Ken O'Dowd MP for Flynn said Morrison Government funding to increase the number of students at CQUniversity would be a major boost for local students and the local economy.

Ken O'Dowd MP said the Morrison Government was providing an additional \$9.1 million over four years to increase the number of bachelor students at CQUniversity's regional campuses.

CQUniversity will receive funding for an additional 165 bachelor places in 2019, increasing to 193 places from 2020 ongoing.

"This is a great opportunity for CQUniversity to grow and expand its educational services, which is ultimately great news for students, families and businesses in Flynn," Mr O'Dowd said.

"By offering more higher education opportunities locally we can retain our smart young people and also attract more students to the region to study.

"If students can study locally it will greatly reduce the cost of attaining a higher education, while hosting more students will boost local businesses and the economy."

Minister for Education Dan Tehan said the Australian Government was committing an additional \$92.5 million to support extra places at universities with a regional growth focus.

"Funding for additional student places at regional universities was part of the Morrison Government's additional \$134.8 million commitment to regional and rural higher education, bringing the total additional new funding for regional higher education to almost \$400 million over five years," Mr Tehan said.

"Our funding commitment will ensure that every Australian, no matter where they live, has access to Australia's world-leading higher education system."

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