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Hon. Chris Hipkins  
Minister of Education

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Dear Minister

We are writing to request a confidential meeting with you to discuss several strategic initiatives that we believe will align well with your stated intentions for the school and tertiary education sectors, the findings of the Future of Work Commission and Labour's Education Manifesto.

These initiatives are of sufficient scale to have significant system-wide beneficial impacts. As such, we believe they will be important cornerstone projects for a bold and influential 30-year plan for education.

The initiatives include:

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- **Potential name change:** We are investigating a potential name change for VUW in order to more effectively leverage the international standing of the university and city and better align with our differentiated positioning as 'New Zealand's globally-ranked capital city university'.

We are eager to keep you informed of these developments as they progress and look forward to an opportunity to brief you on them at your earliest convenience.

Lastly, we are enthusiastic about the benefits that will result from a refreshed 30-year plan for education and we are keen to contribute. As I am sure you are already aware, on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> of March we are co-hosting with the TEU a forum at Victoria on the future of universities. We would be honoured if you or your senior officials were able to participate.

Yours sincerely

Neil Paviour-Smith  
**Chancellor**

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**Vice-Chancellor**

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