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## Australian Greens Senator for Tasmania

### Joint Statement: Peter Dutton's anti-Citizenship changes for New Zealanders

21 June, 2017

"The changes to citizenship flagged by Peter Dutton are patronising and deeply unfair."

"New Zealanders have every right to be furious at this government, which is undermining their status in Australia by imposing unreasonable and punitive wait times for Permanent Residency."

"These retrospective changes would unfairly move the goalposts for Kiwis already resident in Australia."

"People from New Zealand should be given a fair chance to become permanent residents and citizens of Australia without the government placing unnecessary roadblocks in their way."

"Further to this, the Government's recently announced higher education reforms seek to make life harder for people, including those from New Zealand, who are trying to further their education – this is not how you create a clever, innovative country."

"Please be assured, the Australian Greens will vote against these regressive university reforms in the Senate. We will continue to do everything we can to oppose the Government's divisive attempt to win back votes from One Nation and appease the far right of the Liberal Party, who do not value investment in universities and supporting those people who want to give back by furthering your education."

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