

## Agenda Item 6.1 – Action Motion – Workplace Law & Students

### Motion to the TASSO AGM Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Motion Type:** ACTION MOTION TO TASSO AGM 2020

**Proposed by:** ULVERSTONE SECONDARY COLLEGE

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**Subject:**

Health and Wellbeing concern in relation to students excessive casual working hours outside of school hours.

**Preamble:**

The Ulverstone Secondary College School Association has ongoing concerns in relation to the number of hours students are working during the school week.

As a result of these long hours, students are presenting at school exhausted and are struggling to engage in their learning. Examples of working hours include more than 20 hours a week and students working until 1.00am in the morning.

The Department of Education states that it has a '**strong commitment to child and student wellbeing**'. Ulverstone Secondary College School Association acknowledges that the number of hours that students work from age for 14 (Years 9 to Years 12) significantly impacts on their health and wellbeing. Research shows that the longer students continue to engage in learning, the better their health outcomes in the future. The government's student retention policy would be strengthened if students and parents were supported with legislation that provided a model for work hours of school age students up to Year 12.

**Motion:**

That this conference demands that the State Growth Minister, Employment Minister and Education Minister investigates workplace laws in relation to students working during the school week. What does the government consider an appropriate finish time if attending school, the next day? Current legislation doesn't appear to cover this.