To amend the Australian National University Act 1946 to ensure that compulsory student fees are not used to generate income which is then applied to purposes other than the provision of amenities and services to students.

Background

The Australian National University Act was amended in 1979 to ensure that fees payable to the University for the provision of amenities and services were not used by student organisations for socio-political activities, but for amenities and services that would directly benefit the University. This Bill will apply the same constraints to income generated from the application of moneys obtained from such student fees.

Main Provisions

Clause 4 amends section 29A of the Principal Act by inserting new sub-sections (1A) and (1B) which will provide that income derived from the application of moneys obtained from compulsory fees shall be subject to the same conditions as the latter moneys.

Clause 4 also substitutes a new sub-section 29A(3) which will ensure that moneys from compulsory fees and income derived from such moneys will be applied to amenities and services of direct benefit to the University.

Clause 4 also inserts a new sub-section 29A(3A) which provides that the administrative costs of a student organisation can only be funded by compulsory fees moneys or income to the extent that such administrative costs relate directly to the provision of amenities and services.

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