

Budget news: Australian Government ends support for TC

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Yesterday's Budget confirmed that the funding support we've had from the Australian Government since 2011 has ended.

We failed to persuade Education Minister Christopher Pyne that we need a further two years funding to secure our future. Our aim is to be fully self sufficient by 2017 through the contributions from our global network. A reminder: each of our international operations is locally funded through Foundations and universities. TC-UK receives funding from the UK Government.

We must now take stock.

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