

# TAFE Changes Moratorium (Secure Future for Public Provision of Vocational Education and Training) Bill 2014

## Explanatory note

This explanatory note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament.

## Overview of Bill

The objects of this Bill are:

- (a) to freeze fees for TAFE courses, and funding to private providers of vocational education and training, at 2010 levels, and
- (b) to maintain funding to the TAFE Commission at no less than its 2010–2011 level, and
- (c) to require the Minister to ensure that the TAFE Commission is the principal provider of technical and further education in New South Wales.

## Outline of provisions

**Clause 1** sets out the name (also called the short title) of the proposed Act.

**Clause 2** provides for the commencement of the proposed Act on the date of assent to the proposed Act.

**Clause 3** provides that words and expressions used in the proposed Act have the same meaning as in the *Technical and Further Education Commission Act 1990*.

**Clause 4** freezes, at 2010 levels with adjustments for inflation, fees for TAFE courses undertaken during 2014 and subsequently.

**Clause 5** freezes, at 2010–2011 levels with adjustments for inflation, funding for private providers of vocational education and training.

**Clause 6** provides that it is the intention of Parliament that funding to the TAFE Commission is maintained at no less than its 2010–2011 level, with adjustments for inflation.

**Clause 7** requires the Minister to ensure that the TAFE Commission is the principal provider of technical and further education in New South Wales. In doing so, any government policy that is likely to increase competition with the TAFE Commission in the provision of vocational education and training is not to proceed.