

**INQUIRY INTO VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND
TRAINING IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

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I am a TAFE teacher - a good student came to me and confessed recently that she had been conned by a private provider. She and 14 others were targetted on Mt Druitt Station by a training (sic) company that offered to give them an iPad if they signed up for a business course. According to this student they all eagerly signed up BUT only three attended classes - the rest took their iPads straight down to the local Pawnshop and sold theirs for cash. This student said the course was poor quality and she learned next to nothing. But here's the rub she turned up to my college to do a certificate 3 only to be told that she would have to pay over \$5000 because she had lost her entitlement to govt subsidy because of the prvt trng debacle. This is a disgrace - this woman is unmarried with 2 kids and a huge debt AND we at TAFE can no longer help her - I feel ashamed!