

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

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N.S.W. Teachers' Federation,
Attention T.A.F.E. Submission to the
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2 August, 2015

Dear NSW Upper House Members,

I am writing to ask you to continue and improve your support for our once excellent TAFE System in NSW.

I am an 80 year old great-grandmother of a large family, many of whom (children and grandchildren) have greatly benefited from the TAFE system since the late 1970's to the present day.

They have completed courses in carpentry, graphic design, home and community care, marketing and advertising and child services, from which they have all obtained good permanent work and been well thought of by their employers. They have attended TAFE colleges both in our local New England area and Sydney.

I understand the New England TAFE area has had a downturn of 25-30% in enrolments this year, mainly due to the rising cost of courses.

If money given to private education providers could be used to lower fees in our TAFE colleges, more students would be able to attend.

The private system (as have all private systems) has many drawbacks, as they are more concerned with profits than people (as any private business is of course). They often employ under-qualified teachers on lower salaries, and cut course lengths to save money, sending out only partially trained students.

Another worrying development in our local area only last week, was the presence of representatives from private Educational establishments door knocking, and offering bribes to anyone who opened the door, to join their courses.

Australia is short of well trained trades people. Only a good well-funded Government controlled TAFE system can provide this.

Yours sincerely,

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