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

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I am disappointed to find out that the proposed new Smart and Skilled funding model excludes registered home educated kids from funded places at TAFE. This exclusion means courses may be as expensive as \$10,000 for a 6 month course which is out of reach for most families.

As home educators, we receive no funding from the government to educate our children. The home school community organises its own classes, and individual families pay for their own tuition fees.

For the years that we educate our children at home while meeting the compulsory education requirement of the NSW Education Act 1990, we save the government significant amount of money.

I know many home education students who want to further their study uses TAFE as a key component in their education program. Many of them also use TAFE as a pathway to university. While my kids are still at primary-school age and TAFE is not part of our program, I do hope when the time comes, and my children intend to further their study, TAFE is an affordable option for them.

I recommend the Committee to consider home educated students an "exceptional circumstance" which allows them to qualify for Smart and Skilled funding.