

INQUIRY INTO SKILLS SHORTAGES IN RURAL AND REGIONAL NSW

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Summary

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The Hon Patricia Forgythe MLC
Parliamentary Secretary to the head of the Opposition
Parliament House Sydney
Dear Patricia

Attached the outline of a
Skilling Process I have promoted in
BRAIDWOOD over the years.

Clearly it doesn't align exactly
with the Terms of Reference but
hopefully it will add to it

My apologies for not providing
a typed format — I'm currently on
my yacht off FRAZER IS without
such gear.

Please Keep me informed of
developments of the inquiry as we/I am
greatly interested in the outcome
and in fact had suggested that
BRAIDWOOD set up such a training
Centre as town development.

With Personal Regards

Owen Moorhouse

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- complexity of modern Agricultural and rural activities demands operators
- 2. have good understanding of equipment
- 1. animals they are working with particularly the high cost of the particular investment or machine represents.

Hydraulics, electronics, Global Positioning, computers & engineering generally are stock and
le of to-days farms and requires operators
can effectively use and maintain the
equipment to produce the best economic
comes with safety and efficiency.

Chemicals and sprays demands certificated
operators to apply them and with a full
understanding of the hazards to both humans
& animals they present which can
have very wide implications to the operators
own health, consumer health and well being
and trade and marketing restrictions

it can be catastrophic to all concerned.
skilled staff who ideally can be trained

suitable institutions at a practical
level that are pertinent to the geographical
location and type of agriculture and
rural carried on in the area can
some valuable employees and/or

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Probably the ideal process of training could be short term residential and certificated providing prospective employers evidence of the skills achieved and the student the opportunity to return to further suitable courses that progressively would culminate in a collective Diploma for various streams.

This form of short term residential courses would allow continuity of employment (possibly on an off season basis) and the opportunity to apply or realise the need for other skills related to the particular farming/pastoral pursuits offering.

Employers confidence to employ staff at a practical level would be reinforced to provide additional productivity and economic value to employer and staff alike.

The past and traditional method of father + son farmer/pastoralists has diminished and high cost of young persons wishing to get onto the land eliminates many and this proposal could reverse the current position of skilled labour shortage and ultimately the decline of the farming community.