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

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The issue I wish to address today is about the cost of TAFE fees.

As it is my understanding, that there is a subsidized fee for eligible students and concession available to those eligible.

But those who are not eligible for those reduced costs have no choice to pay the full cost.

A few years ago that would have been acceptable, but instead of a course being a few hundred, its now a few thousand, and those potential students have no government help because their parents earn over the threshold, and just because their parents may technically earn enough doesn't mean that they have the money to be throwing around so their child can get an education.

"Annual TAFE fees will rise by as much as \$750 for students or more than \$1500 for a qualification."

Yes there may be a process so you can have help to pay your course one payment at a time, but even still for an expensive course that doesn't run for long means you only have a short amount of time to come up with the money.

In conclusion, i think its unfair to have such ridiculous high prices on courses, its supposed to benefit us, not make us broke or in debt trying to pay for it.

The government wants people unemployed and not in high school to be either studying or working, jobs are not easy to come by especially without the skills a tafe course could provide.