

**INQUIRY INTO VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND
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I am concerned about the cuts to TAFE because I see that many students are now not able to access education due to rising costs. This has an impact on industry workforce needs and will also contribute to other providers claiming smart and skilled funding for shoddy courses that don't deliver the skills needed, and render students in debt. Staff moral is very low with huge staff cuts. People working under large workloads , really long hours with no remuneration, time in lieu or flexibility. In addition the enterprise bargaining has commenced, many conditions are under threat with permanent staff being pushed into contracts, losing positions through restructures, loss of flexibility through time in lieu provisions , overall reduction in workers rights and conditions. TAFE has a long standing reputation, it is the largest VET provider Nationally , it delivers the workforce needs of the industries it serves, it has close relationships and partnerships with industry. Continuing to dismiss TAFE will have long term social and economic impacts for the State and Nationally.