

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

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Dear Sir/ Madam,

Re: TAFE deliberate destruction by present government.

My Daughter wanted to enrol in Enmore TAFE in a course for interior design 2016 and was not able to find any information on the official Sydney TAFE website. Enmore TAFE is well known worldwide for their exceptional performance in the field of design many designers owe a great deal to this institution. This is the main reason she decided to study with Enmore TAFE. She expressed her concern to me and I went to investigate.

Subsequently I discovered a systematic deliberate slowing down of the information to the website the enrolment information for this year 2015 was only finalised by February 2015 after the courses had started. No wonder that there is a poor enrolment rate. Advertising for 2016 should now be in full swing to catch all the high school graduates to get ready for their tertiary education. The private colleges all are ready to take enrolments. TAFE has nothing to offer on their website for 2016 if this continues TAFE will be closing in 2016.

The TAFE colleges are all losing enrolments because of the way the official TAFE websites are managed. Up to date there is no enrolment information for next year's student enrolments. All students that would like to enrol in TAFE cannot do so as there is no information available on the website about courses for next year. Therefore students are looking in other websites of comparable colleges, these are privately owned, and there they find all the courses available for next year, as TAFE is looking much unorganised, they enrol in the private institutions.

Talking to teachers and head staff I was met with a lack of cooperation and I could not find much information from them. I discovered that they were frightened to talk. I suspect that they were threatened with loss of job or position.

I do understand that this government is interested in privatising education. This can be a good thing as many European countries have private institutions doing fabulous work on government subsidies.

Why not build up the well-known and working institute of TAFE and then sell it as a working college to investors so the government can make a profit and the People of NSW keep their beloved TAFE intact. All the hard work and knowledge can be sold not squandered.

Please look into this with urgency as many very good people have already lost their jobs. Institutes like TAFE take millions of dollars and many years to build. It can easily be destroyed in less than a few years investment totally lost.

Prop up TAFE and let's keep it For NSW. If the Government does not want to run it, let it be sold to private enterprise to keep educating NSW. Please do not destroy this worthy institution.

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