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**INQUIRY INTO VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND  
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Over 40 years ago I was given the opportunity to do some training at my local rural TAFE. I have used that training in every job I have had since. That TAFE training was free. If not I would not have been able to do the training nor had the opportunities that I have had during my life. That free training has been paid back to the tax payer many times over .....one could say that it is a bit like the gift that keeps on giving. Australian's today deserve the same chance that I received. The present political situation is just so unbelievably short sighted. How many Australians have fallen through the crack because of policies pursued by the present government?