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

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Problems with Smart and Skilled include:

Shift of focus away from students seems to be completely about costs and getting students 'credentialised'. Many students with personal issues, learning difficulties and disabilities that have specific support needs, are now being forced into a style and pace of learning that does not give them flexibility of how they learn.

The previous flexibility of courses is now lost as students are given set electives with no leeway.

The cost of funding does not meet the needs of providing QUALITY education. How did IPART come up with the costs of training figures that Smart and Skilled is based on as it is nowhere what is really needed.

The structure of how funding is paid to training providers forces providers into poor decisions.