INQUIRY INTO VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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I am a Full Time TAFE Teacher in a Rural Area of 21 years experience in Teaching.

I have observed the effect of training in individuals, their families, friends and communities in this region over this period.

The number of positive influences would be too may to include.

As an example a student currently enrolled in Semester 2 2015 introduced himself and told me that his mother and his employer had both attended this TAFE and had recommended the teacher and learning opportunities to the current student. He came to class with a positive attitude to learning because of these peoples positive experiences at TAFE.

The students we see at our doors are all ages and backgrounds. Retraining from other industries, single parents needing work, people with disabilities going on to achieve valuable positions with employers; and the reason why TAFE was established to train Apprentices and Trainees in classes or in workplaces.

Some aspects of human lives do not change no matter what century we are present in and I believe education and training is one of those. The master and the apprentice or the Modern Education system humans learning process is well documented.

I cannot put a price on this positive outcome.

I come from an Industry that is high investment and returns on monies must be obtained to remain viable.

I cannot see how to cost the outcome or product of a learning experience and the lifelong outcomes effectively. I voted for a government to provide essential services to our society. This is the most valuable to me.

The skills of the TAFE teachers help to create this positive experience for others. Support TAFE.