

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

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I have many young relatives that have had positive experiences at TAFE. They have completed training courses and apprenticeships that enabled them to start successful careers and businesses. Many of these young people have been in the rural and regional areas, and with the proposed closure of small colleges and annexures they would not have become valued members of their local communities. High levels of youth unemployment can only be addressed by investing in a quality TAFE system for all.

The TAFE system provides education for all, including working class Australians, second chance learners and the disadvantaged students.

I ask the Committee to consider the unique value of the TAFE system and I believe that no private provider should be funded for any course that TAFE can provide.