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NSW needs TAFE! In a world that is dominated by economics and business there needs to be room made for the members of our community that come from disadvantaged backgrounds. TAFE has an amazing reputation for providing for the needs of minority groups, people with disabilities, Indigenous students and the list goes on.

The NSW Government is here to champion the causes for all sectors of our community. People should come before profit. Alas, the Liberal outlook is very much business orientated and in this process the people that are struggling in our communities are trodden down yet again.

When will the insanity cease? When will Politicians realise that the 'haves' are doing alright and that the 'have nots' need extra support and encouragement to assist them to strive towards a better life. Only the arrogant and the uncaring spruik a philosophy and or policy that is eternally focussed on profit and gain. An intelligent Government can find ways to cater for the needs of all.

In the words of a renowned American Educator, Derek Bok: "If you think Education is expensive than try 'IGNORANCE'. I ask the Baird Government to consider people for once and don't use the 'power of discourse' to fob off the needs of the underprivileged.