

## **INQUIRY INTO SKILLS SHORTAGES IN RURAL AND REGIONAL NSW**

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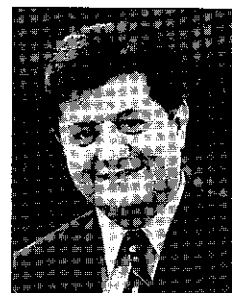
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INDEPENDENT  
MEMBER FOR NORTHERN TABLELANDS



22 June 2005

The Hon. Tony Catanzariti  
Chair, Standing Committee on State Development  
Parliament House  
Macquarie Street  
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Tony

Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you about the Standing Committee's forthcoming inquiry and report on the skills shortage and its impact on rural and regional New South Wales.

I welcome the inquiry and invite you to contact me if I can be of any assistance.

As you are aware, I'm particularly concerned about the impact of the skills shortage on the development of rural and regional centres, as well as rural New South Wales in general.

People in regional areas face many ongoing challenges, including those of distance, access to services, and currently, the well-documented drought and the impact it has on rural economies.

A shortage of skills to develop regional areas only compounds the difficulties further.

Please find enclosed, a copy of a survey, currently circulating my electorate of Northern Tablelands, to determine the extent of the skills shortage locally and the impact it has on development.

I would be pleased to pass on results of the survey, once they come to hand.

I would also like to invite the Standing Committee to hear first hand of the impact the skills shortage in the Northern Tablelands region.

Once again, if I can be of any assistance to your inquiry, please feel free to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

Richard Torbay MP  
Member for Northern Tablelands

### *How to fill out your survey*

1. Fill out your survey by answering the questions.
2. Add your name and address – this is optional.
3. Fold, moisten and seal to make an envelope.
4. Mail post-free. You don't need a stamp.

Thank you for sharing your thoughts with me on the future of the Northern Tablelands.  
For more information please phone my office on 6772 5552.

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# Northern Tablelands' Survey

## Have your say

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**Richard Torbay MP**  
Member for Northern Tablelands



## Northern Tablelands' Survey – Have your say

By filling out this short survey you will help me get more resources for the Northern Tablelands. Thank you for your time. All responses will be treated confidentially.

- 1.** What skills shortages are you experiencing at present (eg access to tradespeople etc)? How is this affecting your household, farm or business and how would you like to see the skills shortage addressed?

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- 2.** How do Stamp Duty, Payroll Tax and Property Taxes affect your household, farm, business and investments? What impact would it have on employment, business growth and the community if these taxes were removed or drastically reduced?

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- 3.** What courses would you like to see introduced at your local TAFE and what other measures would you like to see introduced to encourage inland regional growth?

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Are there any other comments you would like to make?

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