

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

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Western Sydney institute of TAFE incorporating OTEN Distance Education & 7 face to face Colleges servicing approximately 9,000 students with a disability. Those students often move from training to jobs & further training & development to add to their skills base or gain a promotion.

There is a huge social cost to not having access to adequate training. Unemployment and unrest are generally the result. Students with disability require reasonable adjustment to achieve their goals and

students from ATSI & CALD backgrounds require access to education provided by those best placed to develop & deliver the training.

The Director of Equity services has given WSI excellent service and support to staff and students over a very long period of time. Karen Alton, Equity Manager OTEN has been equally adept in her role and supportive of staff & students. These roles have been deleted due to funding cuts to TAFE under Smart & Skilled.