

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

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Please stop the cuts to TAFE!

TAFE is an institution we can trust. TAFE does not use slick marketing techniques to lure vulnerable young people into its courses. I was educated at TAFE and have nothing but high praise for the quality of education. TAFE do not obtain lists have telemarketers call on solicit young people.

My 24 year old son is the victim of extremely misleading solicited telemarketing and sales pressure from \_\_\_\_\_ and now has an \$1800 VET debt and no Diploma to show for it. Despite him withdrawing they insist he must pay the FULL COST.

How does an 8 month correspondence course come at a cost of \$18000? How is this justified?

Young people are inexperienced in resisting and understanding sales tactics and it is terribly disappointing that we now need to explain the "buyer beware" message in regards to education as they are trying to figure out the direction of their life.

I will never again trust a private college and am spreading the message as far as I can. My son has had a rough couple of years and when he was trying to lift himself up he was instead given a big set back from a ruthless second rate college's marketing cleverly disguising the truth of what he was signing up for: A POSSIBLE LIFELONG DEBT.

Save our TAFE SYSTEM