

**Submission
No 197**

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

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I am a qualified VET teacher, I have dealt with TAFE NSW as a student several times in my career. I have also applied to TAFE to be listed as a casual teacher. My experience with TAFE over the past 20 years is it has to be one of the most incompetent organization with which I have dealt. Students records get lost; I have had to redo subjects (at my expense) because course criteria have changed mid-course; TAFE have no ability to interpret Australian university's subjects regarding RPL of TAFE courses; lecturers seem oblivious of the required 'paperwork' needed for students; applications to TAFE for teaching, including casual teaching, positions are not transparent - meaning you apply for a position and you never hear anything again. It would appear (closed shop / nepotism seems to be the norm in TAFE). As a teacher and tax payer I would not support TAFE receiving increased funding and would support a system of much greater accountability within TAFE. Accountability both to students, employees and tax payers generally. I cannot see that such an incompetent organization can possibly be delivering a quality standard of education.