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

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Hi there,

I would like to express my thoughts on the inquiry into Vocational Education and Training.

I migrated to Australia from New Zealand two years ago, having left behind my university studies there, and went to take up studying Graphic Design at the TAFE Design Centre Enmore. Had it not been for this centre, I would never have had the opportunity to be able to afford studying this, had the positive experiences I did, learned as much as I did in a short time from great teachers, and been able to form a community of friends here.

You can see the portfolio of work I was able to create thanks to my 6 months of study with TAFE Enmore at my website here:

Unfortunately with the introduction of Smart and Skilled this year I have had to drop all my plans of study to progress and upskill to Diploma level, as the fees were increased from approximately 1.5k to 12k overnight.

TAFE is a fantastic and vital system to the Australian public, making it affordable for those less financially advantaged to partake and upskill in. The movement to focus on profit will do nothing but continue to ruin confidence in the future of workers. In addition to this, it makes New Zealanders like myself have to consider moving back home and out of the Australian economy, where more support and affordability would be offered to us.