

**Submission  
No 3**

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

**Name:** Ms Carol Sparks

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Dear Sir or Madam

I have attended Tafe as a Mature student over many years. In our small rural town of Glen Innes educating Mature Students and school leavers has been a very important part of our communities wellbeing.

Kids unable to complete their HSC for some reasons and have decided to revisit their education to complete their HSC have benefited greatly by attending Tafe. Tafe Education has helped so many people in our town and the decision to fold Tafe has been a shock to many people.

No longer do we have that, young school leavers, Aboriginal and others cannot afford privately run education facilities.

My friend who is able to attend computer classes, because of disability benefits. stood behind a young women, pregnant but determined to become efficient in computer skills and nearly fell over at the price she had to pay for the same class \$2.500.

This is not affordable for most people especially the young who are trying to gain skills so they can be employed.

Please allow sanity to prevail and provide affordable education through Tafe for our most vulnerable people, the Adults of the future who need a chance in life to improve themselves their self esteem and become financially able to be part of a healthy active community.

Our town needs Tafe.

Thank you

Yours Sincerely,

Carol Sparks