

**Submission
No 25**

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

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Background Information: We are a home-schooling family.

Terms of reference covered:

(a) the factors influencing student choice about entering the vocational education and training system including:

(iii) barriers to participation, including students in the non-government education and home schooling sectors

As I understand, the reforms to TAFE funding would see home-educated students excluded from funded TAFE places, thereby making this educational pathway unavailable to most homeschooling families. This is of particular concern as many home educated students use TAFE as a pathway to university (given they are ineligible for the HSC).

It makes no sense that the proposed funding model exclude home educated students- a group which currently receives no government funding- but saves the government money by not attending public school.

Please re-consider the proposed funding so that home educated students are not disadvantaged.