

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

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Sir/Madam,

We are now half way through 2015 and are only now seeing the impossible challenges that smart & skilled is throwing at us. While we did need a funding model that followed the student this model carries a scathing perversity within its design. That perversity lies in the inequality of the funding distribution between workplace assessors in Hyundai's and bricks and mortar training facilities with higher overheads. The differences are now obvious and clear in so much as the new model is not sustainable for the latter and a training centre that delivers real face to face and simulated workplace training and teaching must be funded to continue developing skills in the Australian VET youth catchment on top of the spartan model currently in place.

We must protect and celebrate the potential of our incoming workforce and provide every opportunity for them to become the best they can into the future. We must fund VET in real terms VET exists, we need it and we cannot pretend otherwise. Top-up smart and skilled with sensible and realistic funding for training facilities before it's too late.