

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

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I would like the committee to note that technical education looks after the trade areas and has done a magnificent job in the past. TAFE and its current direction has lost sight of trade training. There is no or little provision for funds to be provided for the trade areas to upgrade their equipment and in a lot of cases replace old equipment. Trade training has taken a direction which has caused (the dumbing down of the trade) lower levels of skill and technical information. Cost cutting has caused numbers of classes to be combined, which has reduced the opportunity for teacher to take the time needed educate the students. If we are to have smart and skilled tradesmen, we need to provide them with the all the tools.

Having had the experience of being a full time teacher for 25 years and currently a part time teacher, I find myself in the situation of teaching 1 day a week but on that day I have 3 stages of the trade and am expected to prepare for this in my own time. I feel that the student are not getting the best educational opportunities that they need to to be skilled tradesmen.

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