

## **INQUIRY INTO SKILLS SHORTAGES IN RURAL AND REGIONAL NSW**

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## State Development - SKILL SHORTAGES

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Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: Inquiry into Skill Shortages

I am led to believe there is a request for submission regarding skill shortages which closes today.

With such short notice I have not much time to prepare a full submission but offer the following.

I represent not only our own business in Sheet metal and Engineering, (Manufacturing), but also sit as President of the Sheet metal Industry Association, (SIA).

Our industry, being sheet metal, does indeed have a skill shortage problem and we are continually working to raise the image of sheet metal in schools to attract eligible future employees. The required quality of these potential employees has gone up over recent years with the computer age and automation advancement from machinery manufacturers.

Our members are concerned but working at various levels to some of the following and more:

Adopt a school  
VET placements across several facets  
School based apprenticeships and traineeships  
We have our own school sculpture awards and apprentice of the year awards.

I would like the opportunity to discuss these issues and skill shortages we are facing and would therefore attend any forums or discussions held, being open to assist in anyway possible to ensure a future for Australian generations to come.

Awaiting your response,

Best regards,



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