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**INQUIRY INTO VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND
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It is necessary to maintain skill levels in a number of important industries as a matter of national security, eg electronics, aircraft, shipping. TAFE plays a crucial role in this. We cannot depend on other countries to provide skilled labour especially if we are at the bottom end of the food chain.

Skilled workers help sustain a growing economy, the unemployed do not.