

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

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TAFE must be an essential part of the trades education future. The services trade people provide to the Australian people used to be the best in the world. Because state and federal governments don't value the trades and see funding as a burden, we will all suffer in the future.

Please ensure TAFE funding and positions remain. Private providers are costing our young people too much money. 'Smart and Skilled' is anything but. Our local students now have to travel over 80kms to do courses. The increased costs mean students simply are not doing courses. Fund TAFE. Preserve the future of trades.