

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

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TAFE has for a very long time been an absolutely vital educational institution in Australia - enabling migrants, people of low income and those who for various reasons can't attend University to get a low cost and excellent education and vocational training. Many people have found employment through the courses and for many it has changed their life in other positive ways. Destroying TAFE is part of a well known ideological position - stemming from a belief that if you can't afford an education that is your problem and it should not be provided by the government. In other words there is a big gap between the wealthy, well educated and the lower orders who can't afford it.

We must oppose this strongly - a true democracy must have well educated and aware citizens of every class - and this is what TAFE has provided so well since the 70s.