

**INQUIRY INTO TEACHER SHORTAGES IN NEW SOUTH
WALES**

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In this submission I would like to address the topic of NSW Dept of Education teacher, staff shortages in NSW.

I have been employed by the NSW Dept of Education for 25 years.
I am an SLSO, School Learning Support Officer.

My role includes, assisting teachers in class rooms with students that have learning, physical or behaviour difficulties. Another aspect of my role is assisting in and implementing programs to small groups of students that are falling behind in such areas as literacy and or numeracy. SLSO's are instrumental to teachers in classrooms with challenging students.

I am an extremely conscientious, dedicated, experienced loyal healthy and of sound mind SLSO. I believe I am asset to both teachers, staff and parents with whom I have worked with. I have excellent references from all principals and staff in which I have worked for.

This mandate is proving to have absolutely no effect in stopping the spread of the virus in schools. This mandate is supposedly to protect the health and safety of students. It is not doing that! Instead it is causing extreme stress and pressure due to the massive disruptions in classrooms and severe shortages of teachers both casuals and permanent. In short this mandate is effectively having the opposite, it is not protecting the welfare of the staff or the students or the broader community.!

I am presently unemployed, disadvantaged, isolated, threatened and forbidden to return to work unless I partake in an experimental vaccination at the risk of jeopardising my own personal health being compromised., in which I am not prepared to do. I am ready and eagerly await to return to work if the department would drop the mandates.

I therefore strongly suggest and request that the mandates for the NSW Department of Education be dropped, so that thousands of teachers and all staff can happily return back to the jobs in which they were employed to do, teach our students.