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No 77

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

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I have spent years qualifying to be an excellent teacher and hold a Bachelor of Performing Arts, a Bachelor of Teaching and a Masters in Visual and Performing Arts. All of this at my own expense, only to be forced into unemployment by government overreach.

Until the mandatory vaccinations forced the loss of my teaching position, I worked in a level 5 trauma school. I believe on inquiry you would be told I was 'making a difference'.

I had lobbied for drama classes for junior years, due to the amount of trauma they had experienced. On my own time I researched drama for trauma and employed those techniques in the classroom.

During this time I became very popular among these students and was often told I was their 'favourite teacher'.

I spent a lot of my own time and money during my employment because what I had designed required it. I secured drama camp scholarships for 12 students and with the short fall of nearly \$1000 I paid for it myself.

I have not worked for 9 months. I'm a single mother who's child recently married and had to assist in paying for the wedding so I have been extremely financially disadvantaged. The unemployment covers the rent and not much more.

Moreover, my concern has always been for my students who have been without a qualified drama teacher during this time. My principal wants me back as soon as the mandates are lifted as the teacher shortage has had a severe impact on the school.

I can start immediately.

Mandating vaccines is an outrageous violation of civil liberties and the Department of Education should not have gone along with it.