## INQUIRY INTO TEACHER SHORTAGES IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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## Partially Confidential

Dear Ministers,

I am a student studying education. I am making a submission in this inquiry to ask for consideration to those preparing to enter the teaching workforce. I am considering whether teaching is a profession I can go into. Whether I should continue a degree I might never be able to do the job for, as the mandates prevent me from doing so.

I am a student who would be interested in further study within education for the betterment of our state, or even our nation, and yet that state has shown they do not want me to teach. They have shown me that they would rather watch the profession of current teachers suffer under enormous workloads with insurmountable pressures building up on them from the government, the school and parents to continuing performing at the capacity that they were before the government chose to cripple the workforce and continues to do so while allowing the mandates to stand.

I implore you to reconsider the impacts the mandate is having on the mental health of students considering education as a profession, the students who have finished their degrees with no jobs to go into, even thought they can see they are needed, and I further implore you to consider those who have given their lives to educating at the sacrifice of themselves, let them back to their jobs to assist their colleagues and friends suffering from the workloads and increased stress. This is what your mandates have done.

Regards