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**INQUIRY INTO TEACHER SHORTAGES IN NEW SOUTH
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Good Evening,

I have a double degree in Education, Primary and Early Childhood that I received in 2012. During the start of my career, I applied for positions in the Primary Teaching sector throughout Sydney, Central Coast, Newcastle and Hunter areas for 12 months as well as forwarding my resume to local schools for casual work. In this time I attended only 4 casual teaching days and received no interviews or feedback for my applications. Over this period, some of the colleagues I met at university received jobs and the feedback was that you were only contracted for a 12month or 2 year term with no permanent positions given. At this time, I decided to turn to my Early Childhood Degree and received a full time permanent position within 2 months. Even though the pay and the conditions do not match those of my primary degree, I settled for a consistent position to be able to start a family and be able to buy a house, as well as the ability to stay local to family. I know many teaching graduates from my cohort did the same.

Maybe if these issues were rectified, teachers may be able to find positions that suit their families and financial needs.

To this day, I would still love to move over to a primary teaching position. If a permanent position in an area that suited my family needs became available. I check the job feed weekly but never see permanent positions in my area available.

I hope the information provided is helpful to the inquiry.

Kind Regards,