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**INQUIRY INTO TEACHER SHORTAGES IN NEW SOUTH  
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I have dedicated sixteen years to teaching with DET NSW, ten of those in a hard to staff Far West region.

Last year I needed to take leave to care for my unwell husband. Prior to this time I emailed my vaccine exemption as indicated as an applicable option from the DET direction. I did not need to do this as I was to be on leave. Since that time, I have been traumatised by the PES investigative team. Time and time again I have explained my leave situation. During this time, the DET called my doctor and indicated that they had permission to ask for private medical information from my doctor. My reason for giving you this information is to inform you of the type of trauma and anxiety the DET and their agents are inflicting upon committed and experienced teachers. I feel so 'hunted' that I feel I'd rather clean houses than walk back into such an organisation. As a permanent teacher, skilled in learning support, positive psychology, positive behaviour management, phonics and positive play for learning I believe the decision makers at the top of the DET who are responsible for this unscientific hunt should be given the type of treatment they seemed to take great delight in loading us with. Life as a teacher before these mandates was tough but this has made many of us (you know the real figures, not those spread by the media) run from schools. We had staffing shortages prior to this hysteria, what a laughable situation they have now brought upon themselves. Good luck trying to get anyone at the top of DET to accept any responsibility, they only expect that of us!

Feel free to give me a call if you'd like to hear about the continued consequences of the mandates. I will willingly explain what the organisation has done to my family's life.