

**Submission
No 215**

**INQUIRY INTO VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND
TRAINING IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

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I grew up in Windale a Housing Commission Estate in Newcastle with 3 siblings and a Mum. One of my School Teachers suggested that I go to TAFE and pursue a Career in Fashion. She knew I was poor and that staying in School or paying for Education was out of the question. Four years latter I graduated as a TAFE Teacher and proceeded to spend the next 35years giving people the chance that was given to me. Practical skills in an affordable environment, that empowered me to use the skills, share the skills and be employed because of the skills I had been taught. I am grateful for the life changing experience provided to me and the Students I taught have had the opportunity to experience the same. This is an amazing organisation dont destroy it or pass it into hands of private providers who are looking for a quick profit instead lets invest in our future. Lets arm all our communities with affordable access to gaining skills. I have seen the effects of delivering programs for Aboriginal people and Refugees who through learning practical skills, gain confidence, learnt English, made life long friends, learned to work together with people that were different, the list is endless and priceless. The benefit to our community can not be measured by how much it costs to deliver 1 hr of Teaching. TAFE Teaches everything practically! the answer is here.