

Submission to the Skills and Workforce Development Agreement

The use of private businesses to provide training has proved a disaster to the detriment of students. This has been well documented in the press. The main problem with such bodies is that they are profit driven which increases the cost of the training provided. Further the profit motive impacts on decisions made in regards to the level of training provided. All Government training funds need to be paid to T.A.F.E. which have proved their relevance over time. Unfortunately both State and Federal Governments have failed to adequately support T.A.F.E. in the past.

I am retired now and joined the workforce in 1958. Back then NSW had another Department for vocational guidance. This measured your abilities and directed you to suitable employment. This feature should be re-introduced as it was most helpful for those seeking initial employment and built up a persons confidence.

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