

Why are TAFE fees tripling, Minister?

Dear Minister Allan,

TAFE is vital to our economy. And our community.

But your Government is set to price TAFE out of reach:

- fees will triple for many courses
- the \$55 concession rate for diplomas and advanced diplomas has been abolished putting TAFE out of reach for those who need it most
- those already with a diploma or higher qualification will be forced to bear the full cost of further training (around \$10,000 or more).

These changes will deny thousands of people the opportunity to access TAFE.

Students and their families deserve better, and they deserve to be informed.

But your Government is spending \$16 million on an advertising campaign that tells the people most affected **nothing** about these changes.

Students cannot afford to pay higher fees for TAFE or begin their working life with a significant debt.

They need skills, not bills Minister.

Yours sincerely,

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