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The Greens NSW



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Dear TAFE Community Alliance,

Re: TAFE NSW Management and Budget in Crisis

I write in response to your letter and our recent meeting regarding concerns about TAFE NSW.

The Greens NSW are strong supporters of a public and accessible TAFE system. We share the TAFE Community Alliance's concerns with the current management and funding of TAFE NSW. In particular, we are concerned to see the continued defunding of the once world-class vocational education system and how this continues to negatively impact the NSW community.

TAFE is in a critical state. It has suffered ruthless budget cuts under a series of NSW Governments, the recent privatization agenda has seen money diverted from our public TAFE system to for-profit providers and thriving TAFE campuses are being closed and replaced with inadequate online learning facilities. The Greens NSW are committed to defending TAFE from these attacks and restoring it as the primary vocational educator in NSW.

We are committed to a fully funded, public TAFE system that is accessible to all. We will ensure that tax payer money does not continue to flow to for-profit, private providers at the expense of our public educator. We will oppose any further measures that will result in increased students fees, campus closures and a reduction in face-to-face teaching positions.

We support the TAFE Community Alliance in their efforts to ensure that TAFE NSW is properly managed and funded.

Sincerely,

Dawn Walker, MLC
The Greens NSW spokesperson for TAFE