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X November 2020

Dear [MP name]

I am a [year and type of trade] apprentice at [workplace]. I am writing to you to raise my concern about the proposal to remove workplace practice from Australian apprenticeships and traineeships. I think this proposal is surprising as it comes soon after the Prime Minister’s announcements of boosting Australian apprenticeships so we can take on the jobs of the future.

[TELL YOUR STORY HERE! Write a few sentences setting out things like:

* Who you are
* Where you work (employer/part of the country)
* What apprenticeship and training you have undertaken?
* The difference workplace practice has made to you – do you have better confidence? New skills? Is it the first qualification you have achieved?
* Would you have done a TAFE course on your own without workplace practice? Did your employer support your learning?
* What are you going to do next? How was your apprenticeship helped you build a better future?

Apprentices support hundreds of Australian businesses and SMEs. Everyone knows it’s important to train the tradespeople of the future, and this decision will affect the future of our manufacturing industry. Workplace practice provides me with the opportunity to learn from skilled tradespeople in my field, and gives me the skills to do my work safely.

Good apprenticeships provide people with the skills and experience to help them get into work or progress in their careers. This is why I do not support the Australian Industry Skills Committees proposal to remove the workplace practice component of Apprenticeships and traineeships.

As your constituent, I would ask you to raise your concerns about this issue in the Parliament. I would also appreciate you raising the matter with the Minister for Education, and ask them to think about their position and continue to support workplace practice in Australian apprenticeships and traineeships.

Yours sincerely,

[Your name]