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**MEDIA RELEASE**

**TRADE TRAINING CENTRE FOR ROSE BAY HIGH SCHOOL GOES BEGGING  
UNDER ABBOTT'S CUTS**

Young Tasmanians are missing out on receiving the skills and training they need to get a job, because of the Abbott Government's harsh cuts.

Shadow Assistant Minister for Education and Higher Education Amanda Rishworth and Shadow Minister for Employment Services Julie Collins today visited Rose Bay High School to look at facilities and discuss the \$950 million cut to Trade Training Centres.

"Tony Abbott is displaying just how out of touch he is with the Tasmanian community with this reckless and ill-conceived \$950 million cut to Trade Training Centres," Ms Rishworth said.

"These harsh cuts mean Rose Bay High School, along with 650 other schools across the country, will now completely miss out.

"The success of Trade Training Centres in the Huon Valley and Bridgewater shows just how critical this investment has been for young Tasmanians.

"Why is Tony Abbott denying Tasmanian students the opportunity to develop their vocational skills at a time when the state is facing the highest youth unemployment rate in the country?"

Ms Collins said the \$950 million cut would mean 65 schools around Tasmania would now miss out on Trade Training Centres.

"Students at Clarence High, Rokeby High, Kingston High and Rosny College will all miss out because of the Abbott Government's harsh cuts.

"Young Tasmanians are crying out for real vocational training to assist them through education and into meaningful employment.

"Instead, all Tasmanian students are getting from Tony Abbott and the Tasmanian Liberals is less support and more cuts."

*"They [Trade Training Centres] provide new and well-equipped infrastructure to enable students to become job ready."*

[Tasmanian Government, August 2014](#)

"The Tasmanian Liberal Government acknowledges that Trade Training Centres are important - It's time for Will Hodgman to show some leadership and stand up to Tony Abbott.

"These cuts also mean Tasmania is missing out on much needed economic investment and thousands of jobs in construction."

The Abbott Government's \$950 million cut to Trade Training Centres means all future centres nationwide have been cancelled, stranding schools across the country without the resources they desperately need to retain young people in school and effectively skill them for the future.

This \$950 million broken promise sits alongside Tony Abbott's cut to the National Job Guide and My Future website, leaving students without a resource for researching their future career, and a \$128 million cut to youth unemployment prevention programs that helped at risk young people transition back into education, training or the workplace.

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