

## ADD YOUR NAME TO OUR STATEMENT

## TO THE PRIME MINISTER

# #RebuildWithTAFE

Dear Prime Minister,

**Every Australian has the right to access high quality vocational education delivered by TAFE. As Australia rebuilds post COVID, it is TAFE that is best placed to help our communities thrive.**

TAFE has helped millions of people find opportunity, skills, careers and purpose in their lives. TAFE provides support for those seeking employment for the first time, those who missed opportunities at school, and those who seek retraining and further education throughout their lives.

But TAFE has suffered from funding cuts and contestable funding policy settings that have led to an increasingly privatised vocational education system that undermines the quality of vocational education and training.

Mr Morrison, **your government is failing TAFE**, and putting our future in danger.

A 2020 report\* by the Centre for Future Work at the Australia Institute, revealed that despite years of significant funding pressure and policy failure, the TAFE system plays a huge and fundamentally important role in the Australian economy, contributing an estimated \$92.5 billion each year.

With hundreds of campuses all around the country, TAFE continues to provide high quality vocational education, and is perfectly positioned to help Australia rebuild, stimulate the economy and address serious skill shortages. But it urgently needs guaranteed funding to do so.

## WE ARE CALLING ON YOUR GOVERNMENT TO:

- **Guarantee a minimum of 70%** of total government funding to the public TAFE system
- **Re-invest** in the TAFE teaching workforce
- **Restore funding** and rebuild the system
- **Develop a capital investment strategy** for TAFE

A properly supported TAFE would have high quality new facilities and state of the art equipment, more TAFE teachers and personnel, more courses and more opportunities for students. That is what is possible if TAFE is recognised in its rightful place as the anchor institution of vocational education for Australia.

Yours sincerely

**Correna Haythorpe**

FEDERAL PRESIDENT, AUSTRALIAN EDUCATION UNION

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\*An Investment in Productivity and Inclusion: The Economic and Social Benefits of the TAFE System