



DOES YOUR MP SUPPORT GUARANTEED FUNDING FOR TAFE?

IT'S TIME TO ACT

TAFE and vocational education are the lowest funded education sector with funding declining by more than 24% since 2008. At the same time fees have increased by 245% from \$4060 in 2009 to \$14,018 in 2015.

The 2017 Federal Budget provided little hope for TAFE under a Turnbull Government. Spending on vocational education will decrease by 9.7% in real terms from 2016/17 to 2017/18. Spending on vocational education will be \$70 million lower in 2020/21 than it is in 2016/17.

The ALP in its budget reply announced a guarantee of at least two thirds of public vocational education funding for TAFE, and an additional \$637.6 million invested into TAFE and vocational education – reversing the government's 2017 cuts in full.

We need TAFE teachers, students, graduates and supporters to get in touch with their local politicians and ask them to sign our funding guarantee.

We want to cement the ALP's support for a funding guarantee, and we want to encourage the Turnbull government to match the ALP's commitment.

Because TAFE funding is both a federal and state issue, we are open to politicians at all levels signing the guarantee. So you can approach Federal or State politicians, from the upper or lower houses, and from any political party.

WHAT DO WE WANT?

- A guarantee of a minimum 70% or two thirds of public funding for TAFE
- Restoration of funding and increased investment in public vocational education
- Support for the crucial and unique role of TAFE

WHAT DO I DO?

Organise a meeting with a local politician, take a copy of our funding guarantee poster and ask them to sign it. If they do, make sure to take a quick photo of them holding the poster so we can add it to the gallery of supportive politicians on our website.

HOW TO ORGANISE A VISIT

- Call the Electorate office of the politician you want to meet with. Federal politician details are available at www.aph.gov.au.
- Introduce yourself and let the staff member know where you live in the electorate. Let them know you would like to meet with your MP on the issue of TAFE funding.
- Politely answer any questions asked of you. It may help to have a short summary of what you want to discuss prepared.
- Be polite but persistent about scheduling a meeting soon.

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AT THE MEETING

- At the meeting be yourself, and tell your story. Let the politician why TAFE is important to you.
- Be polite, calm and on message
- If your MP asks you a question and you don't know the answer – tell them you will get back to them and follow up with a phone call or email
- Ask them to sign the guarantee. If they are willing to sign the guarantee, they will most likely be very happy to have their photo taken. Smart phone photos are fine!
- You can let them know that other politicians have signed the guarantee, and show them the campaign website <http://pledge.stoptafecuts.com.au>
- Thank them for their support if they sign
- If they decline to sign, ask them why they don't support guaranteed funding for TAFE.
- At the end of the meeting thank them for their time.

LET US KNOW!

Whether or not your local politician signs the guarantee, let us know how the meeting went at rscroggie@aeufederal.org.au. This helps us keep track of who's been contacted. If they declined to sign the guarantee, let us know what their reasoning was.

You can upload photos of politicians at our website <http://pledge.stoptafecuts.com.au> or email them directly to rscroggie@aeufederal.org.au

MORE INFO?

For more information and factsheets head to our website:

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For more details about this activity, and to see the gallery of politicians who have already signed the guarantee, head to:

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