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Dr John Kaye  
Parliament House NSW

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Dear Dr Kaye

I write on behalf of the Australian Federation of Graduate Women (AFGW) NSW to congratulate you on the success of your Bill to Save TAFE in the Upper House of the Government of NSW.

Our organisation is concerned with the empowerment of women through Educational opportunities and we believe that the TAFE system of NSW is an important sector of Education and that the cuts to funding and the increases in fees imposed by the current Government have already damaged this sector and we oppose any further cuts.

Our TAFE system is recognised as being not only world class but a world leader in many respects. We believe that the further funding cuts and fee increases will further undermine this system and that skills and facilities will be lost. Such losses will take years and maybe even decades to be replaced.

We agree that the experience in Victoria, South Australia and Queensland with the privatisation of many TAFE courses is not in the interest of our community and will only lead to an inferior system based on profits to the providers rather than real educational and vocational outcomes.

We support the objectives and provisions of the Bill and believe that TAFE should be maintained as the principal provider of technical and further education in NSW.

Yours sincerely

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President AFGW NSW