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Committee to hold public hearing in Sydney for TAFE inquiry

The Standing Committee on Education and Employment will continue its public hearing schedule for the inquiry into TAFE and its operations tomorrow 8 April in Sydney.

The Committee will receive evidence from a wide range of key TAFE stakeholders and members are looking forward to being informed of issues around skills development, the competitive training market and pathways to education and employment.

The Committee Chair, Member for Herbert, Mr Ewen Jones MP says that TAFE institutions are an integral part of skills development in the Australian economy and in enabling people to fulfil their education, employment and personal goals.

"To have a skilled, educated workforce is crucial to the Australian economy and TAFE plays a significant role in providing this. Ensuring the health of our TAFE system is ensuring the health of our workforce and vital industries. The Committee hopes to receive evidence from this and subsequent public hearings to pinpoint where the issues lie and how and where improvements to the system can be made," he said.

Submissions to this inquiry can be made via email to ee@aph.gov.au by Wednesday 9 April, addressing the Terms of Reference which can be found on the Committee webpage http://www.aph.gov.au/ee.

Details of the hearing are as follows:

Tuesday 08 April 2014 10:00 am – 3:15 pm EORA Conference Centre 180 George Street, Redfern, NSW

Proceedings will be webcast at http://www.aph.gov.au/News and Events/Watch Parliament

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