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To whom it may Concern

My education at TAFE has changed my life and the life of my family.

I attended a short course at TAFE and it helped my self esteem, for a person who did not enjoy high school; TAFE was a safe, inspiring place to learn. I then went on to have 4 children and with no specialist skills I was unemployable.

Then in 2006 I completed a Cert 3 in Business Administration with Finance and Legal electives. This course changed my life I was able to be employed, went on to work in the business world with a well paying job, working flexible hours. I have since been able to buy our first home. Really without the TAFE being reasonable and locally available, my life would be a very different place.

Now as a Mother of a growing family; I'm looking at TAFE as an option for my children, but courses that I could have enjoyed only a few years ago are gone and the cost is constantly going up; making it an expensive option. My 16 year old daughter is looking at TAFE in a couple of years time and we are unsure if the Art courses she would like to do will be within our reach financially, this is a real concern for me. I see TAFE as a great alternative way into University the constant commercialisation of courses makes TAFE out of reach for many families financially and more importantly courses that have always been available in your local TAFE have gone. Knowing that TAFE has had such a huge impact in my families life this is a real disappointment.

Kind regards

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