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To: Committee, EE (REPS)
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Sirs,

I am recently retired as a senior manager from the communications and power industry's and wish to comment to your enquiry.

1. Telstra was once the main training organisation in Australia of communication industry skills with the DoD playing a lesser role. Telstra no longer fill this role since privatisation. My company experienced difficulty in recruiting skilled staff as a consequence in replacing the aged workforce. Without TAFE we would have not been able to service our contracts to the industry.
2. We did explore the use of 457 visas to boost our skills but abandoned the idea as being a short sighted solution. We relied on TAFE.
3. Our company was not of sufficient size to financially set up our own training facilities for comms.
4. The future of technical skills to the smaller entities will continue to rely on the existence of TAFE.

Yours sincerely,

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