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I am a 65 year old woman who over the past three years studied Visual Arts at Moss Vale TAFE in NSW. I was doing Cert. 3 in ceramics and as this was a two year course I have only completed one year of this due to the change that has taken place by the NSW government.

I worked very hard to do this work to achieve the best I can be in this chosen field.

I am now not able to study to gain qualifications as the costs are beyond me. I am a pensioner with a disability. Last Thursday I received a phone call from Craig Knowles who had been given the task of contacting me by the Premiers office [I have contacted this office on many occasions to ask if this situation can be changed and who it is impacting me in a huge way], asking me if I would like to do the diploma in ceramics "in the future".

This offer was for TAFE in Goulburn.

I told him of my inability to travel that far.

As I am of an age that does not give me a lot of time to achieve my goals as my future is now.

I now have no contact with teachers or students.

I am suffering now with depression so being creative is not easy.

This decision has changed my life to the detriment of all including my health.

Sincerely
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