



# Premier of New South Wales

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Dr Peter J Boxall AO  
Chairman  
Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal  
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Dear Dr Boxall *Peter*,

I am writing to seek the assistance of the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal in undertaking a 'review of price and fee arrangements for government-funded vocational education and training under Smart and Skilled'. Terms of Reference for the proposed review are attached.

Smart and Skilled is the NSW Government's reform of the NSW vocational education and training system. Under Smart and Skilled, from 2014, eligible people will be able to choose government subsidised training for select foundation courses and qualifications up to and including Certificate III from TAFE NSW or an approved private or community training organisation.

IPART's assistance is requested in providing advice and designing a methodology to determine price and fee arrangements for government funded vocational education and training, taking into account both thin and robust markets. A final report to the Minister for Education is required by 31 August 2013 to ensure that the new system can start in 2014 as scheduled.

For further information, please contact Ms Lynette Dorn, General Manager State Training Services, Department of Education and Communities on 9561 8171 or at [lynette.dorn@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:lynette.dorn@det.nsw.edu.au).

Yours sincerely

**Barry O'Farrell MP**  
Premier