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Submission:

Dear Madam or Sir, would like to make a few comments about the VET pricing submission.

I have been Tafe teacher in the Automotive area for 27 years working in Sydney, Newcastle and currently at Kurri Kurri in the Heavy Vehicle section. I believe that it is critical that the prices set are reflective of the differences in running various courses, that have traditionally been in the same training package. In my current area we train students who are predominantly from the mining industry. The machinery we train on is large, heavy and dangerous. Overhead cranes and large forklifts are used extensively and we also insist on having class numbers that are slightly smaller than Light vehicle classes because of the safety issues of working on and around large dozers and dump trucks. All our jacks and stands are extremely expensive and the amount of oil and fuel etc. that is used is much more than "similar" trades. This is why I implore you to not lock the Heavy Automotive Industries into funding streams that are the same as Light Vehicles and Motorcycle Trade areas.

Yours Faithfully Derek Johnston