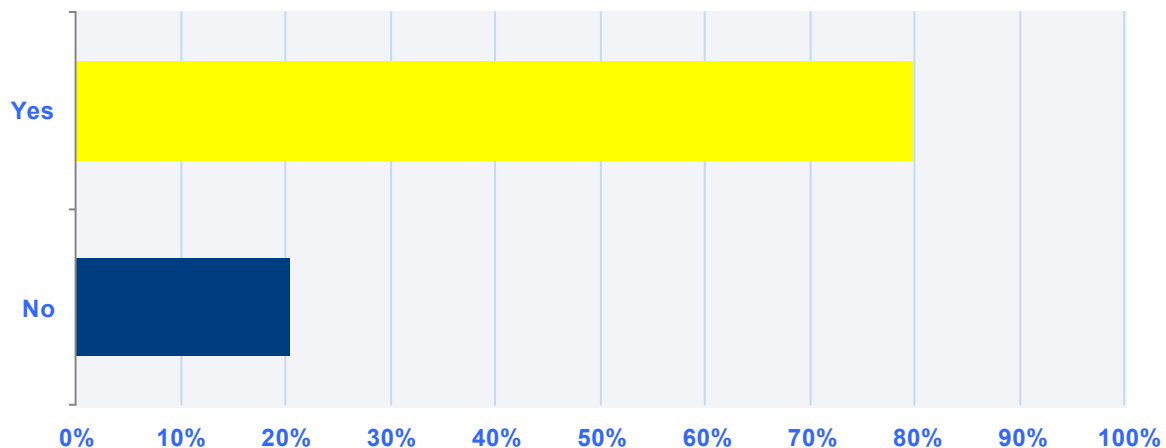




Should The SA State Government Conduct An Immediate Inquiry Into The TAFE Crisis, Here In South Australia?



There are growing calls for local action on the crisis which has engulfed TAFE SA.

A current inquiry is being held in New South Wales; in a move labelled as 'bizarre'.

Nick Xenophon is demanding a South Australian parliamentary inquiry be convened immediately after the election to get to the bottom of the TAFE debacle.

Additionally, the state Liberals have announced they will sack the entire TAFE SA Board, if elected, and implement new stricter selection processes and rigorous performance reviews.

Recently, SAASSO asked parents and school staff whether the State Government is doing enough to fix the TAFE crisis....

Asked whether they thought it was appropriate for the inquiry into TAFE SA to be held in New South Wales:

- 22.73% - voted 'Yes'
- 77.27% voted 'No'.

75% of parents voted against the NSW inquiry.

Asked if the South Australian State Government should conduct an immediate inquiry, here in South Australia - as demanded by Nick Xenophon:

- 79.55% - voted 'Yes'
- 20.45% - voted 'No'.

93.33% of school staff voted in favour of an immediate, local inquiry - compared with 70.37% of non-school staff.

Teachers were the most inclined to want a local inquiry.

Asked if the whole TAFE board should be sacked - as promised by Liberal spokesman, John Gardner:

- 74.42% - voted 'Yes'
- 25.58% - voted 'No'.

Just over 80% of principals surveyed want the TAFE board sacked, along with 71% of teachers.

77% of parents voted to sack the whole TAFE board.

Selected Comments



My daughter completed and paid for 2 tafe courses only to find out that none of them are creditable and she is unable to complete 2 modules in one of the course. I think that is ridiculous. Yes the tafe board should be held accountable and yes an inquiry should be held in SA.

What has this got to do with SAASSO?

Independent inquiry on home turf by independent investigators from interstate, may be appropriate.

TAFE needs to go back to being government run, with permanent teaching staff.

The TAFE SA Board should be sacked and management of TAFE return to the government. Further, funding that has been slashed from TAFE, pushing up student fees, cutting programs and closing campuses needs to be restored. Why is public money being used to prop up private training organisations? If you get a private taxi to work you pay for it, if you want a private education you should pay for that too. The Liberals have said they will make TAFE funding full contestable; that's exactly what has caused the current problems in TAFE. Time to put it back in public hands and fund it properly.

implement standards that are Australia wide and provide relevant training for providers to meet those standards.

This issue needs to be resolved promptly. Our young ones need to know that they can undertake certificate courses and gain accreditation that is recognised nationally. TAFE administration has always "left a lot to be desired" as far as organisation and promptness in paperwork and staff communications are concerned. How can it take 1 1/2 years to receive an invoice for a course? Do they not understand that we need to have all invoices paid by the end of the current school year and not carry over? There needs to be a major overhaul in processes and course provision.

TAFE has turned into a nothing education poorly run kept at a safe distance from employers who actually employ people not everyone in this state can work for the government waiting for a hand out to do something for twice the price that didn't needed doing in the first place.

We have a huge TAFE campus in Ceduna not being utilised to it's full potential when first built it was great and full all the time. It's now a waste of space and money which is being spent on it and staff who do nothing. Time to justify the situation and get moving and offer more at the campus or hand over to local govt school for the facilities for subjects rather than the SA govt giving all the new funding to local school when the facilities not being utilised are just down the road. Our government could learn a lot from small businesses and how to run them more efficiently.

the board should not be sacked/restructured under the findings of the inquiry are released as aren't they innocent until proven guilty? or are we going down the social media path here of guilty until proven innocent?

Will any of this make the current TAFE working structure any better?? Currently every campus has its own processes and protocols - not easy for students to navigate.

TAFE was the last part of SA education that wasn't a complete joke - well done Jay.

I believe the TAFE SA Board should be sacked immediately and management of TAFE returned to the government. TAFE need to stop pushing up the cost of fees for students and return valuable programs that have been slashed. Private training organisations should also be more rigorously investigated and held accountable for wasted and misappropriated public funds? Liberal has said they will make TAFE funding fully contestable. That is exactly what has caused the current problems in TAFE and it is frustrating to think that any political party would compound the current problems with such a ridiculous plan.

TAFE is run by under-equipped people who have failed elsewhere in society - they are a scourge on the tax-payer with all their redundancies and pension packages etc. They're parasites. Get rid of TAFE.

One reason the enquiry is being conducted in NSW may be that it will be a proper enquiry and not a sham compared to a biased and inept SA enquiry.

The TAFE SA Board is ultimately responsible for the running of TAFE SA. THAT IS WHAT THEY ARE PAID FOR! This situation is a joke and totally unacceptable.

The debacle continues - my son did a short TAFE course in October last year, no record of it on his student record and no certificate was received. But let's have anyone other than the state government conduct the enquiry or we'll have the same rubbish as with schools - a fox inspecting its own hole and incompetent public servants protecting yet more incompetent public servants.

All students of these substandard courses need to be reimbursed for their costs and NOT be penalised with any transferred of studies to other educational courses as well as any studies with TAFE to be accredited to their new educational studies

An enquiry based in S.A. should be held as soon as possible and the government should be held accountable. It's one disaster after another here....

We have courses completely up in the air because of poor management in TAFE. Something needs to be done.

You need a inquiry to find out what and where things have gone wrong and then take the appropriate action.

Individuals need to be held accountable for mismanagement. Leaders are paid to ensure processes are adequate and implemented to protect the integrity of certification.

Tafe is being taken away from rural areas where it is needed the most. Isolation and remoteness are a disadvantage when it comes to schooling and accessing education. Tafe is reducing it's lecturers and not providing services where it is needed the most.

South Australia is a joke.

Initially the results of the initial inquiry were going to be announced in late February. Conveniently no inquiry results are going to be announced until after the election. Why hold the inquiry in NSW? Is it easier to hide information interstate? I feel so sorry for TAFE students who thought they had graduated with qualified apprenticeships only to find TAFE had provided sub standard training and in many cases wasted the time and money of many students.