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Text of submission	<p>Here we are in late 2011. The rest of the world is in economic meltdown.</p> <p>Australia seems almost unique and in a stable position envied by most other countries yet still our politicians seem hell bent on sending this country on the same path that has led to the economic ruination of many other nations. All of the political spin about addressing the skills shortage, building a smart nation, securing national economic stability still exists but very little evidence exists that (Thanks Julia). We are moving forward.</p> <p>OECD figures clearly illustrate that we are slipping behind in too many areas. Our leaders' ignorance to the provable historical facts that smart, healthy populations create stable, wealthy countries has placed this once lucky country in a position of peril.</p> <p>God help us when the minerals run out!</p> <p>Stable employment in education for many now is a dream that will never be recognised. For me in a permanent position many would say, 'YOU'RE THE LUCKY ONE'. I think not.</p> <p>Casualization has meant that unscrupulous faculty managers who concentrate on the bottom line alone with little regard for the educational outcomes have been left to undermine teaching sections abilities to deliver the product that our students deserve.</p> <p>Positions not being filled, shuffling of funds, reductions of budgets, neglect of facilities, downgrading of staff educations support mechanisms and many other processes of reduction have meant that permanent members are working well beyond what they are paid for and in a completely unsustainable manner.</p> <p>I would go so far as even to suggest that TAFE and the wider DET systems are operating unsafe work places.</p>				

	<p>As for the part timers or should I say casuals or maybe that's the temporaries, MAKE UP YOUR MIND, these poor bastards work day after day, week after week, month after month, year after year and no guarantee of continuity of employment is forthcoming. These are real people not toys! They are real members of our communities who work beside us and are afforded no respect for their true worth.</p> <p>That's why I openly offer my insignificant opinion that casualization at the current level is poor management practice.</p> <p>For the leaders of TAFE and the politicians, You too will need the abilities of our students one day and maybe that young face that appears in your doorway to fix your broken toilet was trained by a TAFE part timer. Just hope that he doesn't find out who you are and what you've done or a little on the job training might become part of your day.</p>
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