



INDEPENDENT
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Insecure Work

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Text of submission	<p>I am a casual part-time teacher in sections Outreach and Mental Health support. Both of these sections are vital to the health and well-being of our community and the engagement and maintenance of our students progress in mainstream TAFE. Yet these sections are not recognised but are constantly under threat due to funding cuts. This is the first issue our work is not valued and we are constantly having to prove our worth- just ask the students I say.</p> <p>Secondly with the pressure to upgrade our qualification and prove currency. No recognition is available for preparation for study or tutoring as they do not specifically lead to a VET Certificate or mainstream qualification.</p> <p>The current situation is that we are being required, under threat of losing our jobs, to undertake an upgrade of our qualification from BSZ98 toTAE40110. For full time and part time teachers this is free for casuals this is \$550 (albeit a reduction still an imposition on staff who make up the majority of teachers in the institute). This is a money making exercise and does not comply with TAFE equity policies.</p> <p>I have no security or career prospects as I have no opportunity to apply for part-time positions due to the lack of positions in my speciality field. This despite working in this position for 5 years.</p>				

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