Isolated Children's Parents' Association Queensland

ADVOCACY PORTFOLIO

Tertiary, Trade & Training

What we're working on

Recruitment and Training - Promoting rural teaching careers, incentives and retention, and advocating for rural education and inclusive learning to be built into university teaching courses.

Recognition for Home Tutors and In-Home Educators - Seeking accredited qualifications for Home Tutors' skills, and recognition of In-Home Care hours towards relevant qualifications.

Apprentice Support and Flexible Training - Expanding virtual learning, flexible practical training and access to qualified VET teachers, with stronger pastoral support to help apprentices finish what they start.

Pathways to Tertiary and Careers - Supporting Country Universities Centres, celebrating rural student achievements, and growing school-based VET across traditional and emerging industries, backed by partnerships that attract, train and retain skilled regional workers.

Creating pathways to brighter futures by ensuring rural and remote students have equitable access to tertiary education, apprenticeships, trades and training opportunities.

What we've achieved

Teacher Recruitment – Contributed to the Remote Area Incentive Scheme and represented ICPA Qld through QCT and TeachX.

Tertiary Access – Supported Country Universities Centres and advocated for paid student practicums.

Apprenticeship Support – Supported the Big Red Truck, improved training websites, social behaviour training and development of the Apprenticeship Digital Card and App.

Training Advocacy – Contributed to the VET review, LGAQ forums and parliamentary hearings to highlight rural and remote training needs.

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Advocating for equitable education, opportunities and support for rural and remote students.