

ISOLATED CHILDREN'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA



2022 FEDERAL CONFERENCE TRAINING PORTFOLIO MOTIONS

A67. Western Australia State Council (WA)

CARRIED

“That ICPA (Aust) lobbies the Federal Government to ensure regional TAFEs are included in the proposed improvements as mentioned in the *‘Your Education Policy - TAFE Technology Fund’*.”

Explanation:

The Labor Government announced, pre-election, that a *‘\$50 million TAFE Technology Fund will improve IT facilities, workshops, laboratories and telehealth simulators across the country’*.

It is important that our regional TAFE campuses continue to grow, develop and offer a broader/enhanced range of opportunities for the betterment of all rural and remote students.

Statistically, rural and remote students are underrepresented in post-compulsory education. Improving facilities at regional TAFEs would offer students the ability to remain within the regions and may reduce the financial barriers faced by rural and remote students.

S2. Katherine Branch (NT)

CARRIED

“That ICPA (Aust) raises the awareness to the relevant Ministers and administrators of the Rural and Regional Enterprise Scholarships (RRES) program of the hardship caused by unacceptably late payment of some Semester 1, 2022 instalments.”

Explanation:

In order to qualify for a Rural and Regional Enterprise Scholarship, a student has to prove their need for financial assistance. In 2022, the first 6-monthly instalment for the year in some cases was not paid until late May causing undue anxiety and financial duress for students qualifying for and relying on this assistance. These students have had rent obligations and study and living expenses since January (if not since the previous year) and are trying to book flights home for mid-year breaks. Such a late payment of the valued scholarship is distressing.