

Learning from history: Towards a new deal for TAFE

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The workshop will report on a recent AEU research project on the funding and structures of TAFE since Kangan. Some of the major themes of the whole post Kangan period will be briefly addressed, but the workshop will focus on the impact of key policies in the 1990s. Work in progress will be described in relation to analysing the impact of the VET market, resources and under-funding, and current issues in relation to students and teachers. The current challenges for TAFE, and a review of TAFE's role, will be the basis for outlining the broad framework of 'a new deal' for TAFE which involves a review of funding principles and models, quality and responsiveness in the 21st century. It is hoped that discussion will focus on the development and implementation of new structures for TAFE.

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