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To The Hon. Gayle Tierney MP

Minister for Training, Skills and Higher Education

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Dear The Hon Gayle Tierney MP,

Victorian secondary schools are struggling to cope with a crippling skill shortage of qualified VET and Technologies teachers, and with the recent closure of the only ITE course in Victoria specifically designed to produce qualified teachers to teach in these curriculum areas, Victorian secondary students are being deprived of high-quality provision in VET and Technologies education.

The Victorian government has stated repeatedly its commitment to providing Victorian students with high-quality teaching, yet has failed to support Initial Teacher Education (ITE) programs that Victorian needs to produce high-quality teachers in VET and Technologies education. Without suitable courses to produce a sustainable supply of VET and Technologies teachers, quality provision is simply not possible, and secondary students will be the ones who will ultimately pay the price with their futures.

As the Victorian Minister for Training and Higher Education, I call on you take immediate steps to support the re-introduction of appropriate undergraduate ITE programs capable of producing a sustainable supply of high-quality VET and Technologies teachers to resource Victorian secondary schools as a matter of urgency.

Yours sincerely,

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