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### **National TAFE Inquiry to be Launched in Canberra**

The Australian Education Union will today launch a National Inquiry into the future of TAFE.

The independent inquiry, called TAFE Futures, will be chaired by respected academic Dr Peter Kell from the University of Wollongong.

AEU Federal President, Ms Pat Byrne, said the Inquiry was urgently needed to determine the future direction and role of TAFE in the Vocational Education and Training system.

"There is a growing skills crisis in Australia through systematic under-funding of TAFE which has occurred over the last 10 years. TAFE has been forced to turn away 48,000 students a year and something needs to be done to address these issues," she said.

**WHAT:** Launch of TAFE Futures Inquiry.

**WHERE:** Reid Campus of the Canberra Institute of Technology. Function in open area between buildings A, D and C.

**TIME:** 1.15pm on Monday, May 15.

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