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To whom it may concern,

It is essential to maintain Art courses in TAFE for the following reasons:

- \* To train artists who can apply their skills to designing commodities which are not only useful and functional, but also have aesthetic qualities which will appeal to domestic and overseas consumers. Therefore making Australia competitive in the world market.
  - \* To establish and maintain aesthetic qualities which will enrich peoples lives and elevate societies standards of artistic tastes. Furthermore, providing opportunities for individuals to improve their skills, which in turn could enhance their career prospects.
  - \* To provide programs which would occupy disadvantaged people by offering challenging, meaningful and satisfying activities. Furthermore, fostering community based courses which would not only unite society, but also cultivate skills where individuals would be able to work productively on their own.
  - \* If these courses were eliminated or compromised a social vacuum would arise, and the resulting void would be filled with bored, frustrated and discontented people. Apart from the potential social problems, there would also be a waste of talent.
  - \* Finally, there is a basic human need for self expression, and this would be best served by educating society to produce art works as opposed to creating a vacuum to be filled with destructive vandalism.
- Yours sincerely,

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