

QUESTION ON NOTICE

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MR S ANDREW ASKED THE MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT AND SMALL BUSINESS AND MINISTER FOR TRAINING AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT (HON D FARMER) —

QUESTION:

With reference to Paget, a key engineering hub for the Bowen Basin, no teachers at Ooralea TAFE qualified to run the electrical block training due to government vaccination mandates, and hundreds of students forced to leave the area to attend block training—

Will the Minister advise when the government will end these mandates, so our apprentices can be trained at the Ooralea TAFE?

ANSWER:

The Mackay Ooralea TAFE is a campus established by CQUniversity (CQU) and serves as a base for hundreds of students and staff within the Mackay community. It has a range of facilities, including a purpose-built Trades Training Centre.

CQU advises that there is no disruption to electrical trades training at the CQU Mackay Ooralea Campus; there is no mandate for CQU staff to be vaccinated and students have not had to leave the area to access training.