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The Institute for Trade Skills Excellence, a body that aims at the promotion of skilled trades, lost almost \$21 million from this year's budget. Stakeholders in the body include the Australian Industry Group, the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the National Farmers Federation. South Western Sydney Institute of TAFE director Barry Peddle is involved with a new scheme that is part of the institute's transition to a private company, that rates individual faculties or schools within registered training organisations, which will now be on a fee for service basis. He says the fees were 'basically cost recovery' to cover involvement of industry experts.

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