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Offer TAFE Teachers a Fair Deal

Greg Piper, Member for Lake Macquarie, has called on the NSW Government to make TAFE teachers a fair salary offer.

Teachers have been offered 12.48% over three years, the equivalent of 4% per year. In exchange, the Government wants teachers to increase their class time by 10.4%.

The NSW Teachers Federation has calculated that these increased hours could instead provide 500 new jobs.

"We all know that these are tough times, but there's no reason for the Government to make such a one-sided offer," Mr Piper said. "I understand why teachers reject it."

According to Mr Piper there have been significant savings in recent years through reductions in course hours and increases in class sizes.

"I understand teachers have already agreed to changes on time credits and penalty rates as part of the first 2.5%, so the increase in teaching hours is not a reasonable request just to top this up to 4%."

"I have written to the Minister for Education asking her to reconsider the offer and make it more equitable".

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