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Student and Employer Expo

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Independent Member for Tamworth Peter Draper has congratulated the organisers of the Student and Employer Expo held at the Tamworth Regional Entertainment Centre this week.

The Expo was organised by Charles Impey of Joblink Plus and attracted busloads of students from Tamworth, Walcha, Manilla, Barraba and Gunnedah. Over 2,000 local students took the opportunity to meet with employers and industry leaders on the day.

Mr Draper believes the expo has a great potential to educate students about the many and varied work opportunities available to them after completing school.

"I visited the expo myself and I was incredibly impressed by what I saw. There was information on dozens of careers, from policing to real estate, and from alternative therapy practice to positions in media such as television," Mr Draper said.

"An expo like this allows students to better understand the choice of career they have and the qualifications they need to get into a particular career. Hopefully, it will encourage more students to study a profession which will see them return to our region after they gain tertiary qualifications."

"I will support the organisers of the expo to ensure this event continues for our students. We should be trying to expand this event and encourage even more students to take part in the future."

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