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<b>Occupation (if available)</b>		Teacher			
<b>Text of submission</b>		<p>As a Teacher it can be quite hard to get a foot in the door.</p> <p>It is easier to get a job with Education Queensland if you are able to take a job in a remote or 'less preferred' location and gain a permanent position there. I am unable to up stakes and leave the south east as I am married and have a young family. My wife has an illness needing specialist appointments regularly and so I am left taking what contracts and relief there is in the area. The biggest issue with this is the 2 - 8 week periods of time where it is pretty much impossible to gain employment if you aren't permanent with EQ.</p> <p>They finish many contracts 2 weeks before the end of the final term and although they pay pro-rata for the Christmas break now, this is, of course, governed by how much contract work the individual has been able to secure throughout the year. Employment is also heavily governed by teaching specialties. Science and Math teachers secure work in preferred areas more easily than English and History teachers due to the demand for qualified professionals.</p> <p>If I wished to reskill to a higher demand subject area I would need to study further at university. This is not possible as I am flat out securing enough employment to feed my family. The biggest joke is how often I hear government officials stating publically about the shortage of teachers.</p>			

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