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Disadvantage in rural careers

NEW research shows regional Australians are at a serious disadvantage when it comes to their career, despite a ten-billion dollar package promise to rural Australia by Prime Minister Julia Gillard.

Upskilled, one of Australia's leading RTOs (registered training organisations) revealed 87 per cent of the nation believes rural Aussies do not receive the same training and on-the-job opportunities as their metropolitan counterparts.

The study of 1000 Australians also showed one in two (49 per cent) felt their relationships, health or general wellbeing suffered, due to dissatisfaction and frustration in their career – a figure that rose to 62 per cent amongst 18 to 29-year-olds.

Rural communities are concerned about the rate at which young people are leaving home and never to return.

That trend shows no sign of slowing, with 22 per cent of 18 to 24 year-olds planning to move to major cities in search of better training and workplace opportunities.

Managing director of Upskilled, Joel Gage said many people in rural Australia feel they are missing out when it comes to opportunities to grow in their profession and develop new skills.