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Send your message to the Fee Commission	<p>Dear Ms Khumalo, Mr Heher, Mr Gregory, Minister Nzimande and President Zuma,</p> <p>Henry Ford is popularly quoted as saying, "If I had asked people what they want, they would have said free horses". The lesson in this is often, people frame the problems they know with solutions based only on what they understand. It's important to engage more of the public to seek solutions for problems as the diversity of our nation affords us the benefit of many people who may have many more ideas and views on how we can close the gap between our youth's thirst for education, and an ever-tightening fiscal budget.</p> <p>Technology is a well-known catalyst for growth and efficiency. Khan University, and other online universities, show the possibility of a future where education can be given without the need to lay a single brick.</p> <p>We can put a budget into growing people's access to internet, limit free access to online universities we create with content that we develop, with courses that cater to many domestic needs, and then use that as an alternative to further our people's ambition for free or cheaper education.</p> <p>Technology can be used in other ways too, to implement standardized tests down in primary and secondary technology for example. With this approach we may even then have the information necessary to understand which schools may need intervention well before matriculation. We can then ensure that more of our kids are equipped and ready for a tertiary education by ensuring that a more equitable quality of education is given to all; we still have a legacy where the poor, and often black, have to make do with substandard education.</p> <p>This, amongst many other ideas, along with the idea of online universities may help us to improve the quality of our education, to teach our people to empower themselves (as it isn't fair to rely on government for everything) through more entrepreneurially-charged education as well as to close the gap between those with the tenacity, the drive and ability to get good education and those without the financial means of attaining something that, if well-implemented, would have immense benefits for us as a country. More businesses, more skills, more jobs, more tax revenue to feed the fiscus and to</p>

allow the government more flexibility in the tireless mission of growing South Africa into an immensely capable and competitive country.

As a long shot, I would be honoured to have the opportunity to engage the commission on ways forward with regard to educating our nation. Lack of education and opportunity are the struggle of the new generation. Let us endeavour to a working solution before the new generation loses hope in us.

Yours sincerely,
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