

State of the Nation

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Confidence in the VET Sector



The New Environment



The Birth (?) of a National Approach

- Pre 1994 - Australia had 8 separate training systems, mostly focused on the public TAFE system
- 1994 – ANTA was born
- 2005 - ANTA was abolished & national responsibility for VET came directly under the Commonwealth

Where are we **now**?



8 Different Funding Models

Has anything changed?



So is it how we **Regulate?**



The Facts

*Just the facts, mam.
Just the facts.*



Fast facts:

- Total number of students has fallen 3.5% from 2013.
- South Australia sees the largest decline of 21.6% with Queensland 4.9%, Northern Territory 9.2%, Victoria - 5%
- Enrolments have declined 1.2%, with a 31.6% decline in South Australia, but a 20.6% increase in Queensland Victoria -4.5%

NCVER preliminary Government funded students and courses 2014-2015

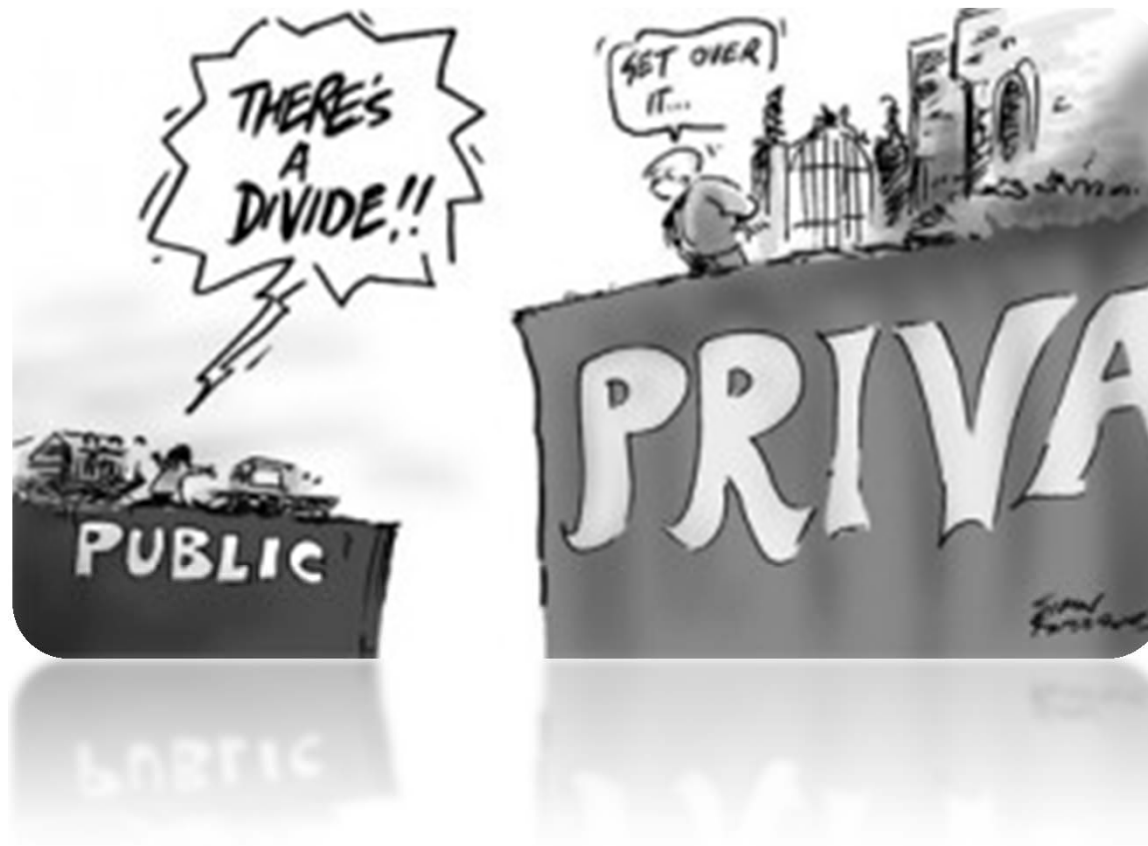


The Facts- State of the Sector



- VET completion rates 35.8 percent
- 87% of graduates and 84% of module completers satisfied
- 77% of graduates were employed after undertaking training,
- 80% of those undertaking training for employment related reasons were employed after training.

Public & Private

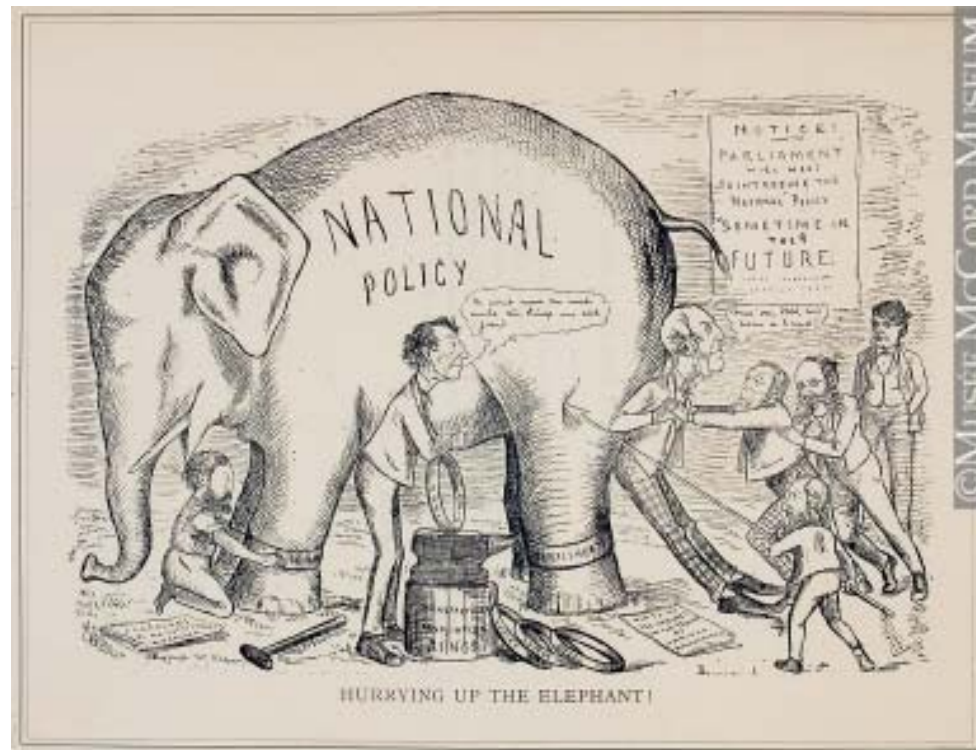


Funding Realities

- Government funding to private VET providers nationally has risen from 8 percent in 2009 to 17 percent in 2013
- 2013 states and territories spent
 - \$6.4 billion to deliver training to 1.2 million students
 - \$1.3 billion of non TAFE providers

Funding Realities

- The value of VET FEE-HELP loans issued between 2012 and 2013 grew from \$325 million to \$699 million, a growth rate of 115 per cent.
- In 2014 it grew to around \$1.5 billion, also a growth rate of 115 per cent.



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Is Our System Broken?

- Poor market design
- Government must focus on quality measures for provider access

Is Competition a Dirty Word?



From H to H

The key is:

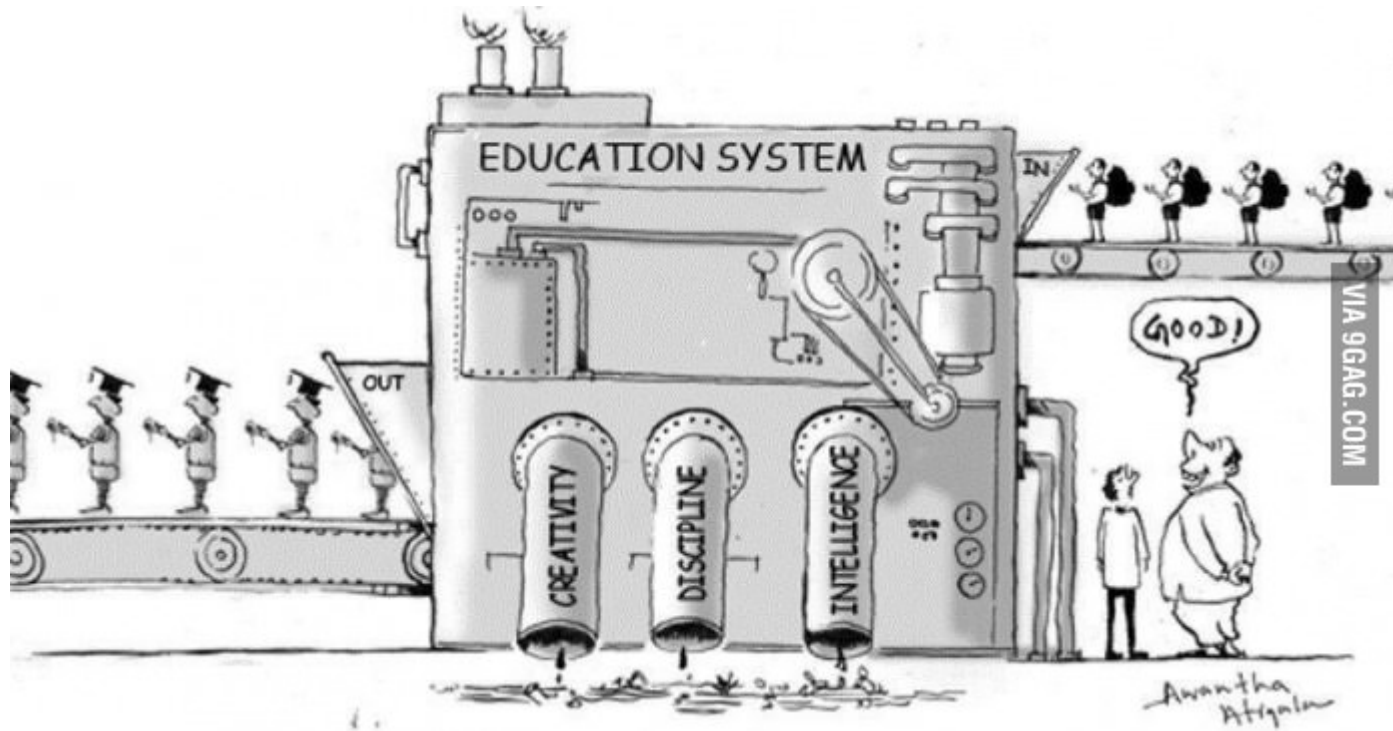
- setting up independent regulators to police service providers
- encouraging private sector delivery
- making poor performers susceptible to replacement
boosting information including user feedback
- letting funding follow the choice of the people

What is New

Victorian government

- Victoria highest student numbers in Australia, a third of all students, well above its relative population share of 25 percent.
- 30% funding share (\$1.2 billion) investment by Victoria, largest in Australia.
- VET Funding Review and Review of Quality Assurance in Victoria's VET System. Better consumer protection and information. Supporting TAFE. Improving barriers to entry for RTOs to VTG. Hopefully outcome focused system that is responsive to inappropriate behaviour.

Is the system **completely** broken



Where to **from** here?



What is Needed for Quality?

- Well designed funding programs
- A well resourced regulator
- An informed market
- Clearly defined TAFE role
- Harper recommendations
- Industry co-regulation
- ACPET Code of Ethics

A vision **for the** future

