

The HE whirlpool



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N – uncapped CGS enrolments from 2012

Bigger N → low SES, online, over-enrolment pre-2012, health

$\$P$ – income per CGS student

→ not increased ← Base funding review

C – Compacts ← very small% → performance against
DEEWR set targets in I&t → low SES & *other*

C -- registered provider ← TEQSA, provider standards → self-
accreditation ← university ← national protocols ← ERA

The HE whirlpool, cont.



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X – open market \leftarrow 200+ provider \rightarrow no barrier to being uni

R – registered provider \rightarrow TEQSA – “insurance industry”
approach.

Deregulation *does not equal* unregulated

Deregulation *equals* equal regulation \rightarrow more regulation \rightarrow ?
over regulation? \rightarrow much more competition but not from
the “usual suspects”

Does uncapping equal kneecapping???

TEQSA 3 'basic principles for regulation'.



1. the principle of **regulatory necessity** –TEQSA must not burden the higher education provider any more than is reasonably necessary.
2. the principle of **reflecting risk** – must have regard to a range of factors, including the provider's history of scholarship, teaching and research; its students' experiences; its financial status and capacity; and its record of compliance with the Act.
3. the principle of **proportionate regulation** –TEQSA must exercise its powers in proportion to any non-compliance, or the risk of future non-compliance, by the provider.

TEQSA registration



- registration and re-registration will be granted for periods up to seven years.
- accreditation and re-accreditation will also have a maximum seven year cycle for those higher education providers without authority to self-accredit.
- thematic reviews to focus on a specific area of risk or explore an area of concern within the sector or across a cohort. These will identify sectoral good practice, make recommendations to improve practice, guide sectoral quality enhancement and inform policy and research.
- The National VET Regulator and TEQSA to streamline the regulation of providers operating in both sectors



Threshold standards – **must be meet**

- Provider Standards (which are based on the National Protocols) Third draft out now for consultation
- Qualification Standards (based on the AQF) – just finalized, take effect from July 2011, must adhere by 2015

Other standards – for quality assurance & regulatory activities.

- The Information Standards ???
- Discussion paper on issues relating to T&L standards is being developed - a starting point for stakeholder consultation later this year.
- TEQSA, DVC(R)s and DIISR project to help frame an approach to research standards.