

PAPER:

***THE "THIRD WAY" OF INTEGRATING EQUITY PERSPECTIVES
INTO VET: WHAT DO YOU EXPECT?***

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Abstract:

This paper attempts to bring our perspectives on equity in VET closer to an understanding of emerging thinking about governance.

The "Third Way" approach gaining support in increasingly social democratic dominated government in Europe and USA, has been experienced in a form in 1980's and early 90's Australia. This has been reflected in the way VET has been structured: with central policy and legislative anchoring and local, customising, devolved delivery.

What do we expect when we speak of performance measurement in equity under such a structure?

What tools, support and skills do the practitioners need to achieve performance expectations. And what role do equity advisers play in the "upward" and "downward" management of equity.

This paper brings together some of the experiences and ideas of equity practitioners in NSW with a view to taking our next steps down the ambiguously signposted pathways.