

### Factors shaping impact

From the literature, factors shaping impact were delineated

- Timeliness
- Applicability
- Accessibility
- Credibility
- Dissemination and sustainability
- Interactions
- Extent research is used

Beyond researchers' control

### Australian VET research context

#### Diversity:

from where researchers get funding;  
in what researchers investigate; and  
in what 'stakeholders' value in research

Consequently,

different bases for making judgements about what  
is worthwhile, and

no single measure of worth is sufficient.

### What research output is being appraised?

Need to consider what should be appraised:

- An individual's research activities (Chapman's)
- A single publication
- A body of research by an individual or a collective on a particular issue (e.g. CBT)
- Work undertaken by a research centre
- Collection of interests/field of research (e.g. vocational education)

### Premises for capturing the worth of research

Potential source of worth	Characteristics	Evidence
1. Peer esteem	The degree to which peers value the worth of the research.	Quality of publications, publishers, quantity and quality of citations
2. Funder satisfaction	The degree by which those who fund or support the research value it's worth a stop	Statements of satisfaction by funding bodies or industry partners etc
3. Policy alignment	The degree by which the research is aligned to current policy issues and imperatives in the public and private sectors.	Evidence of alignment between the research and current policy issues and imperatives
4. Policy take up	The degree by which the research has actually shaped the formation of policy in the public and private sectors.	Evidence of take-up through citations in policy documentation
5. Practice alignment	The degree by which the research is aligned to issues that practitioners are currently face.	Alignment between research and current imperatives for practitioners
6. Practitioner take up	The degree by which practice is informed and influenced by the research.	Influence of the research upon practice and its adaptation by practitioners
7. Social benefits	The degree by which the research has generated social benefits, broadly defined.	Evidence of social benefit through documented accounts and other sources
8. Economic benefits	The degree by which the research has generated economic benefits for individuals, communities or society, broadly defined.	Evidence of economic benefit through documented accounts and other sources
9. Developmental benefits	The degree by which there have been developmental benefits for those participating in the research project.	Statements of benefit accruing to individuals engaged in the research

### Potential worth

Potential worth	y/n	Potential worth	y/n	Potential worth	y/n
1. Peer esteem		4. Policy take up		7. Social benefits	
2. Funder satisfaction		5. Practice alignment		8. Economic benefits	
3. Policy alignment		6. Practitioner take up		9. Developmental benefits	

### Evidence of worth: A proforma

Category of Worth (e.g. #1)	Kind of evidence (e.g. publication)	Instance of evidence
		1.
		2.
		3.

### • Yet, what is the worthiness of worth?

