

OPPORTUNITY MISSED?

“The review must (...) consider how the higher education and vocational education and training sectors can work together to meet the need for a skilled and productive workforce, improve participation and success of Indigenous and low SES groups and provide opportunities for individuals to develop their unique capabilities... “.

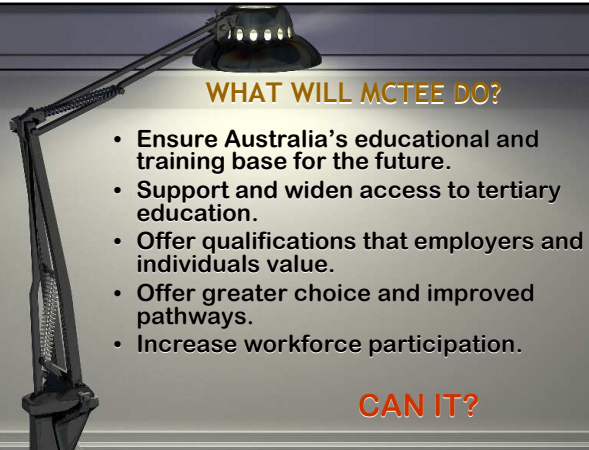
Did it?!



OUTCOMES??

- Distinctive or converging missions?
- Balance of provision between the sectors?
- Interface between higher education and vocational education and training?
- Same costs / fees for students?
- Institutional performance funding?
- National regulation & Quality Assurance?
- Regional tertiary education / structural adjustment fund (collapse of “inland uni”)?

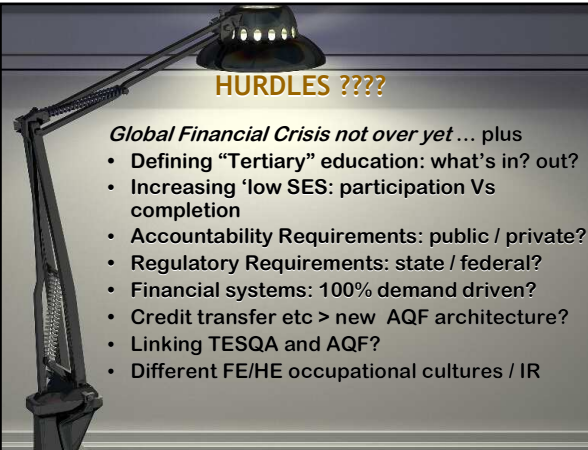
HOW are these progressing?



WHAT WILL MCTEE DO?

- Ensure Australia’s educational and training base for the future.
- Support and widen access to tertiary education.
- Offer qualifications that employers and individuals value.
- Offer greater choice and improved pathways.
- Increase workforce participation.

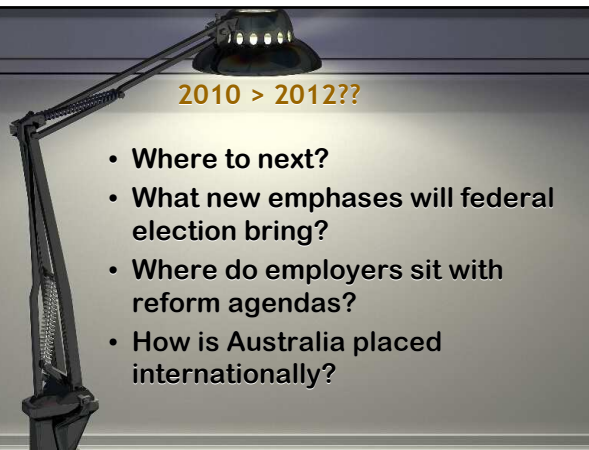
CAN IT?



HURDLES ????

Global Financial Crisis not over yet ... plus

- Defining “Tertiary” education: what’s in? out?
- Increasing ‘low SES: participation Vs completion
- Accountability Requirements: public / private?
- Regulatory Requirements: state / federal?
- Financial systems: 100% demand driven?
- Credit transfer etc > new AQF architecture?
- Linking TESQA and AQF?
- Different FE/HE occupational cultures / IR



2010 > 2012??

- Where to next?
- What new emphases will federal election bring?
- Where do employers sit with reform agendas?
- How is Australia placed internationally?



THANK YOU!

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