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the Consequences of Competition and Marketisation

- Competition is inefficient and leads to duplication of programs and resources.
- Competition is expensive and wastes resources.
- Competition is a blunt and inefficient management tool.
- Competition substitutes money rather than educational goals as the major driver in TAFE and VET.
- Competition for scarce resources disguises reductions in governments' funding commitments.
- Equity and community service obligations are antithetical to a competition regime.
- Marketisation and competition divert resources away from the provision of training, into management and administration.
- The marketisation of TAFE has contributed to skills shortages, not solved them.

Impact *on* TAFE

- Dismantle the network of public TAFE institutions around the country.
- Increase costs for students.
- Accelerate casualisation and deprofessionalisation of the TAFE teaching workforce.
- Erode professional teaching qualifications.
- Undermine of the capacity to plan and provide for infrastructure and capital equipment.
- Increase the number of 'accelerated' courses as providers "shave" the hours required to deliver programs as a way of offering students and employers 'more for less' in a competitive market.
- Further narrow the focus of training and diminish the role of TAFE institutions as a site for learning that is independent of the workplace and independent of employer scrutiny.