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Higher Education in Queensland

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The National Context

- Australian Government Reforms to Higher Education – *Transforming Australia's Higher Education System*

Targets:

- 40% of 25-34 year olds with bachelor degree or higher by 2025
- 20% of undergraduate enrolments from low socio-economic background by 2020



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Queensland Context

Higher Education Institutions

- 9 universities, with 10 metro & 16 regional campuses
- 6 inter-state universities
- 1 inter-state self-accrediting institution
- 26 non self-accrediting institutions

Students and Graduates

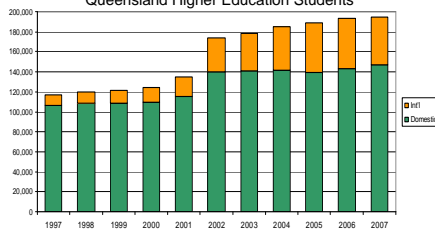
- 197,000 students (19% share of Australia)
- Approximately 5,600 at Non Self-Accrediting Institutions
- 17% study externally; 32% study part-time
- Over 45,000 graduates annually (19% share of Australia)



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Queensland Higher Education Students



- Domestic students steady, have not kept pace with population growth
- International students more than quadrupled over decade.

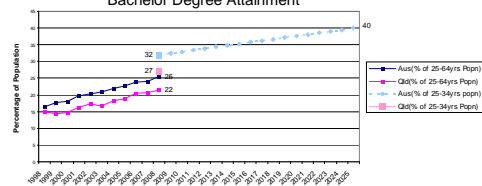
(Source: DEEWR, Pre 2002= Snapshot March; 2002 onwards= Full year.)



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Bachelor Degree Attainment



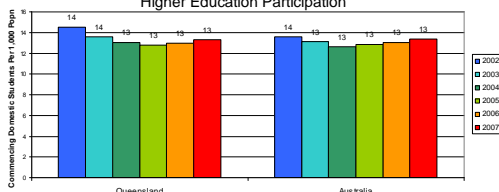
- Consistent gap between Queensland and Australian outcomes
- 22% Queensland population degree and above (Australia 26%)
- 27% young Queensland population degree & above (Australia 32%)



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Higher Education Participation



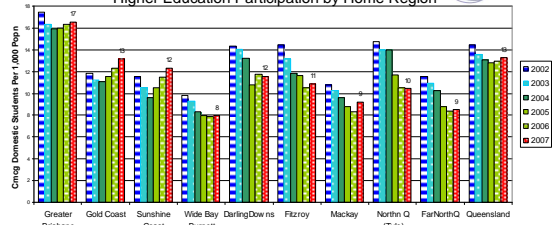
- Similar overall participation rates Queensland and Australia
- 13 commencing domestic students per 1000 population



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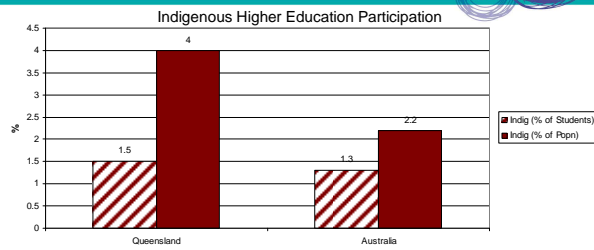
Higher Education Participation by Home Region



- Growth on Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast
- Regional participation decline with some reversal of trend eg Fitzroy, Mackay
- High participation in Greater Brisbane

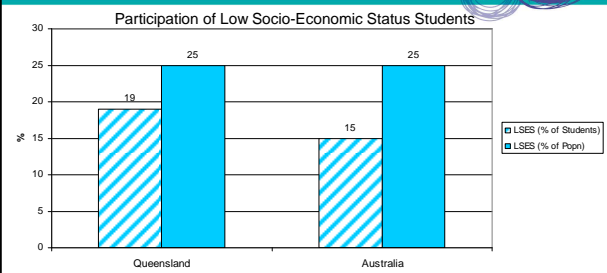


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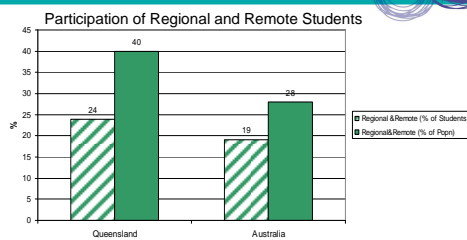
- More than 2,000 Indigenous students in Queensland higher education
- 1.5% of students are Indigenous (need 4% for parity)

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- More than 26,500 students in Queensland higher education from lowest socio-economic quartile
- 19% of students are Low SES (need 25% for parity)

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- More than 34,000 students in Queensland higher education from regional and remote areas (DEEWR classification)
- 24% of students are from regional and remote areas (need 40% for parity)

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A coordinated Queensland response

Maximising benefits to Qld requiring:

- **Holistic perspective** – factors affecting higher education including those relevant from schooling, training, and employment
- **Planned and coordinated approach** based on shared: knowledge, positions, and resources
- **Cross-sectoral action** – initiatives involving higher education, VET and schooling sectors

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Higher Education Forum established five working groups to develop proposals for a coordinated Queensland response to higher education reform.

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Working Groups:

- **Increasing Attainment** – developing proposals for increasing number of graduates.
- **Widening Participation** – developing coordinated Queensland approach to increasing low SES and Indigenous participation.
- **Improving Provision** – Investigating options for increased provision of higher education places, particularly in outer-metro and regional areas.
- **Evidence and Reporting** – supporting data needs of other groups and improved data sharing between universities.
- **General Issues** – investigating a range of issues including VET-HE interface, TEQSA and a higher education vision for Qld.