



Victorian **Registration &  
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# Background – 1896 to now.....



# Focus of today's presentation

Role of the VRQA?

Overview of VET and school registration?

Emerging trends?



# Current Regulatory Activity - VRQA



 167  
Complaints received

 3,638  
Apprenticeship field visits

## Registration



10 New schools    2 New RTOs  
73 RTOs renewed  
40,670 Training contracts

## Accreditation

52 Training Packages reviewed  
7 New courses  
11 Courses re-accredited



2,243 Registered schools  
49 Non-school senior secondary providers



Home schooling:  
4,192 Children  
2,604 Households

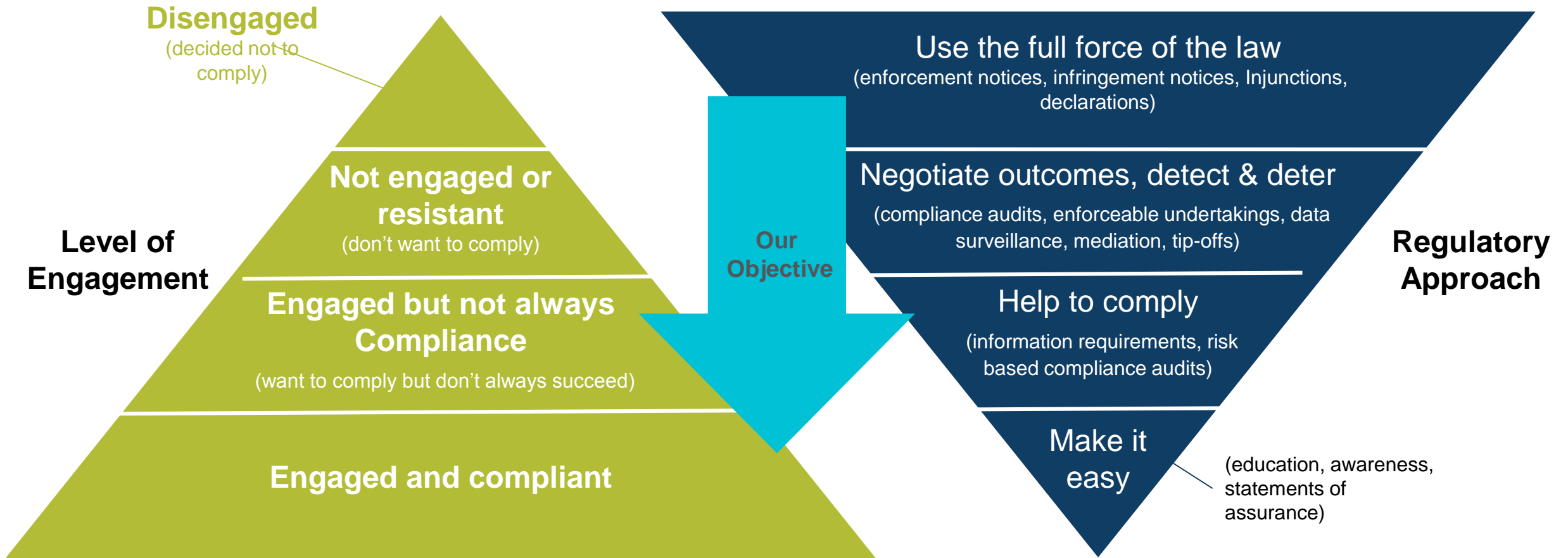


271 Registered RTOs



40,670 Apprentices  
4,697 Employers

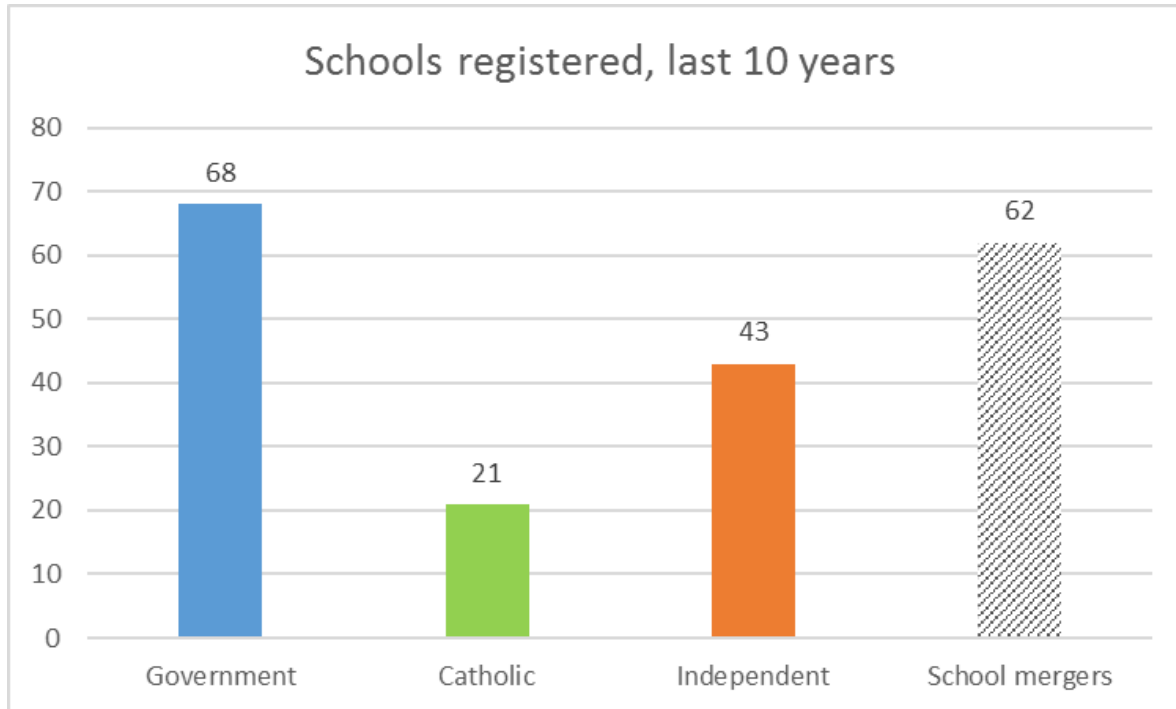
# Regulatory Approach



# Current focus of our regulatory activity?

1. Governance
2. Financial capability
3. Qualified teachers/trainers
4. Relevant curriculum – training and assessment strategy
5. Safety

# School registration trends



- 132 new schools registered since 2007
- Almost equal number of government (68) and non-government schools (64)
- In addition, 62 schools (mainly government schools) established through mergers



# School registration trends

## Registered schools in Vic. by sector

	No	%
<b>Government</b>	1,543	68%
<b>Catholic</b>	492	22%
<b>Independent</b>	219	10%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,254</b>	

## New school registrations in Vic. by sector since 2012

Sector	Total	%
Government	28	45.9
Catholic	9	14.7
Independent	24	39.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>61</b>	

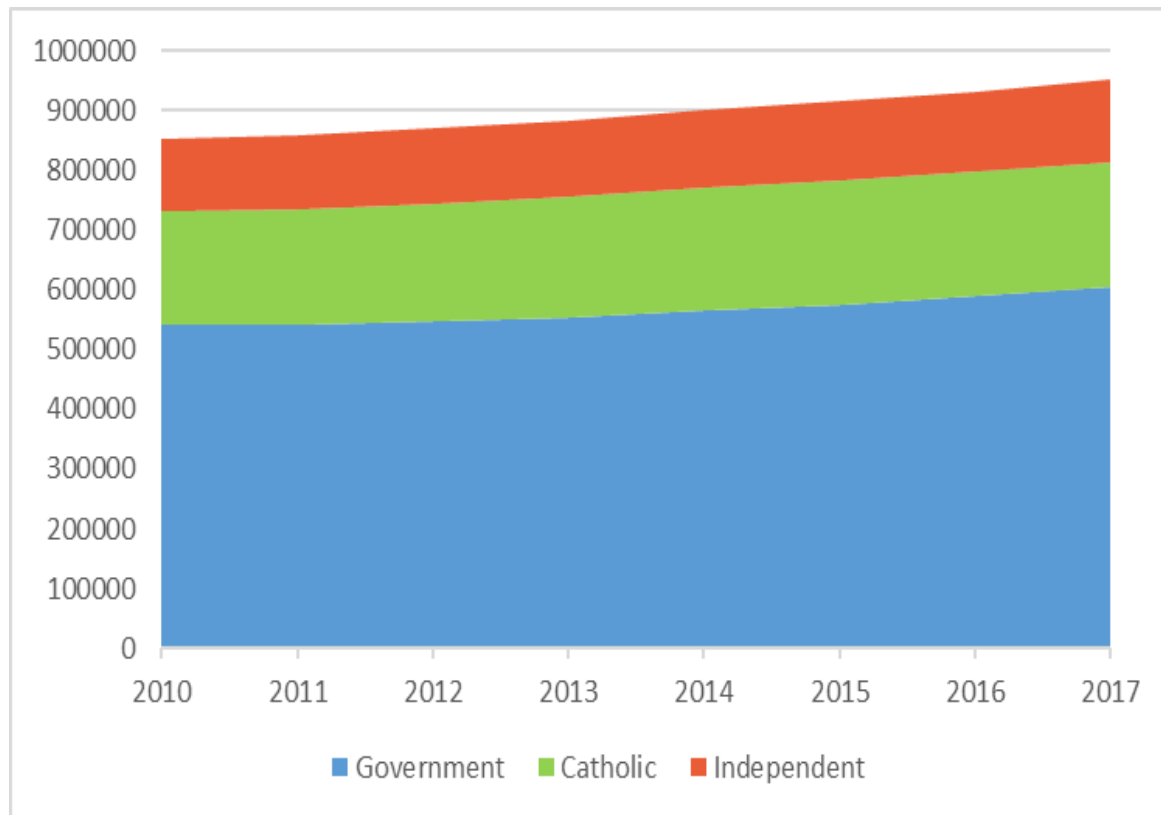
- In past 5 years, the VRQA has registered:
  - 61 new schools, including 12 govt. schools in 2017
  - 76 new campuses
- Victoria's school aged population is expected to increase by over 90, 000 over the next 5 years
- A further 12 new govt. schools announced in the State Budget
- New school registration reflects a disproportionate number of independent schools
- New campus registrations emphasises an increase of specialist schools which cater for students with disabilities or with social, emotional or behavioural difficulties
  - 83% of specialist campuses were govt. schools

## New campus registrations in Vic. by type since 2012

Campus type	Number	%
Mainstream	32	42.1
Specialist	41	54.9
Specific purpose	3	4.0



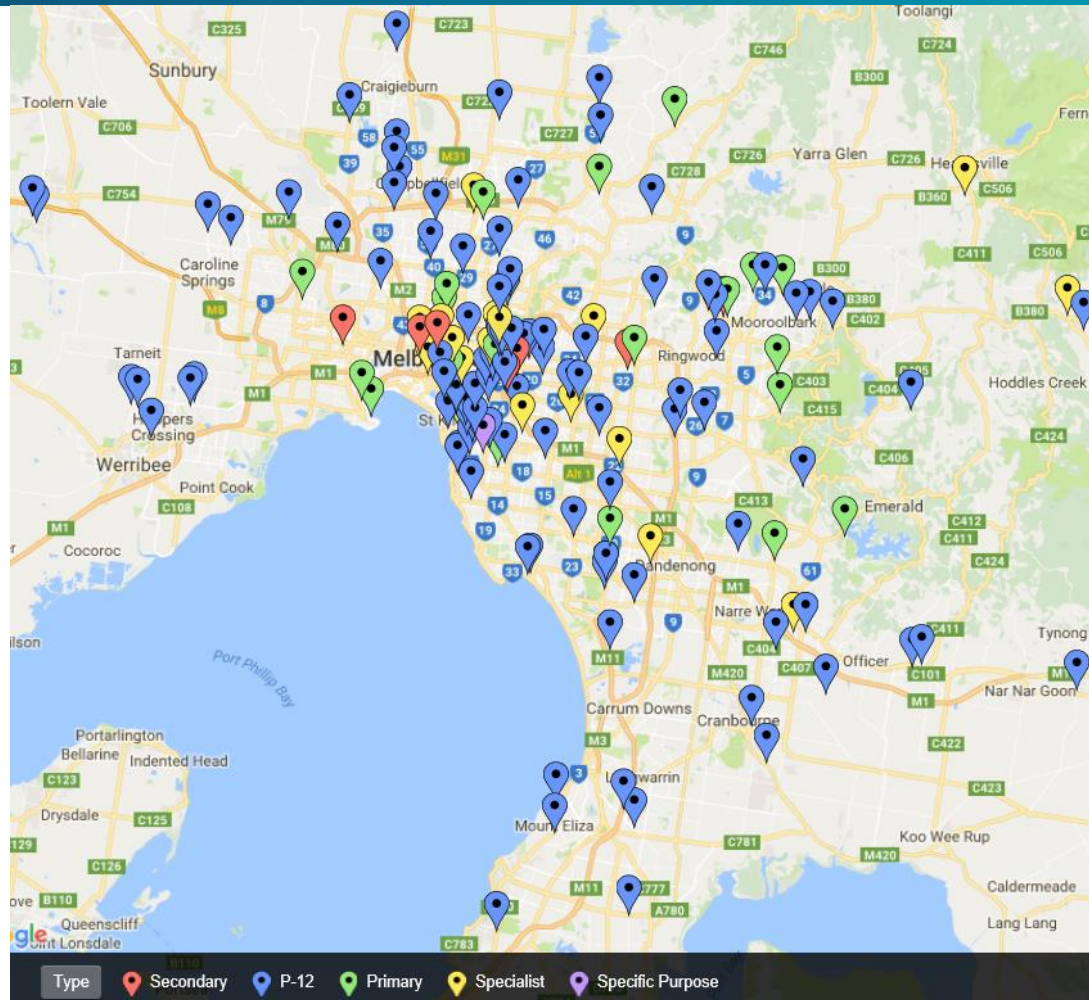
# Trends in school enrolments



- Additional 100,000 since 2010
- 952,000 enrolments in 2017
- Set to pass 1 million – extra 90,000 forecast in next five years
- Share by sector largely the same
- Govt - 63.4%, Cath 22.0%; Ind 14.6%

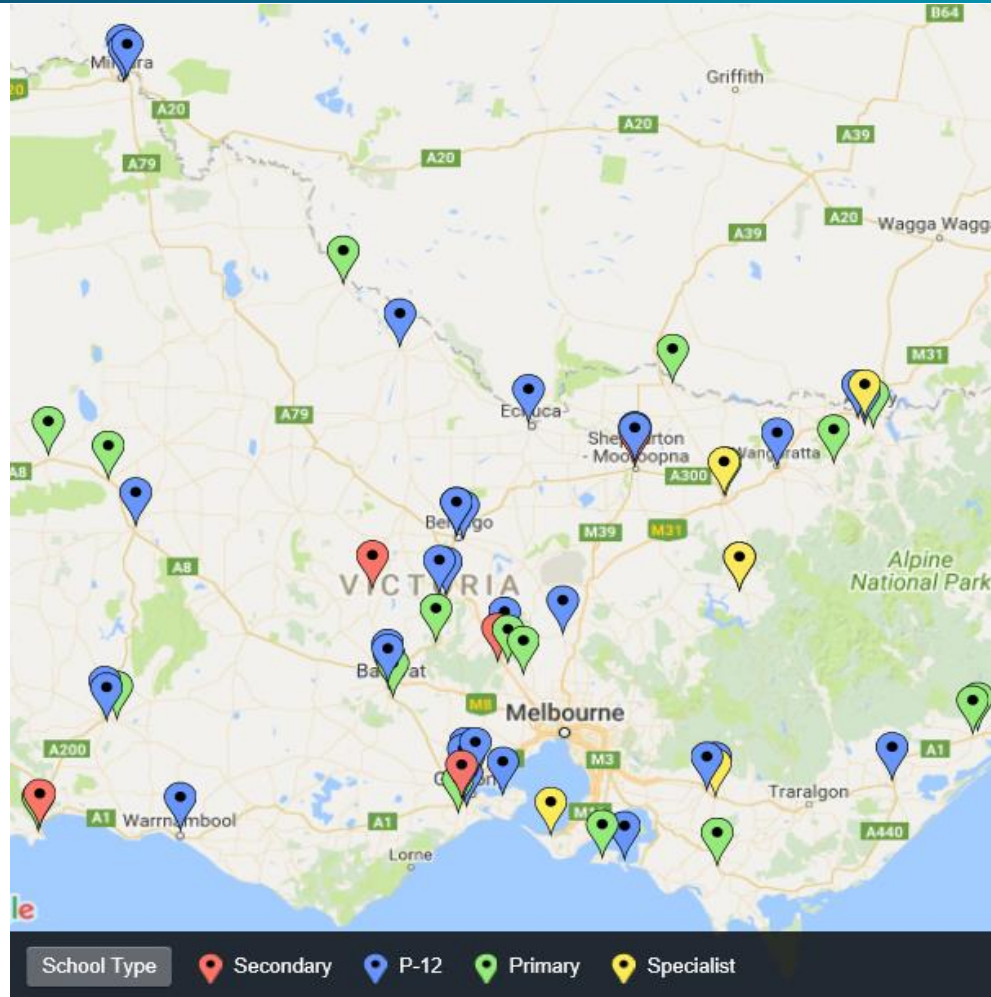
# Independent school locations – Greater Melbourne

- 70% of independent schools located in Greater Melbourne Area



# Independent school locations –regional Victoria

- 30% of independent schools located in rural & regional Victoria



# Independent school characteristics

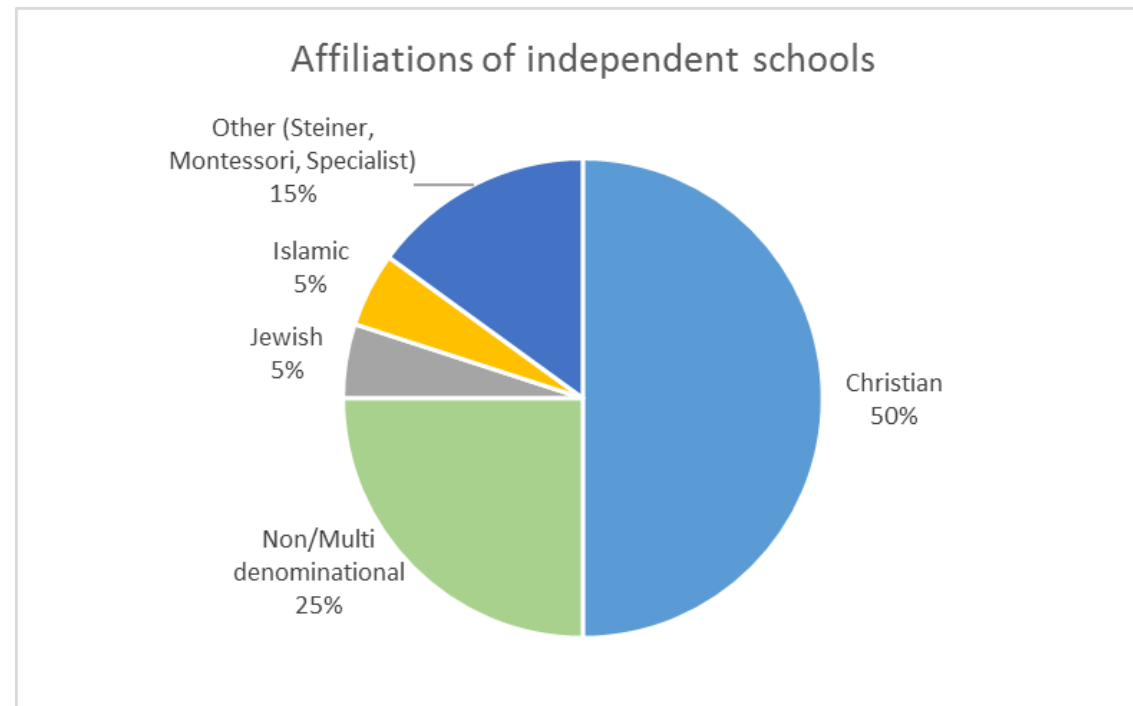
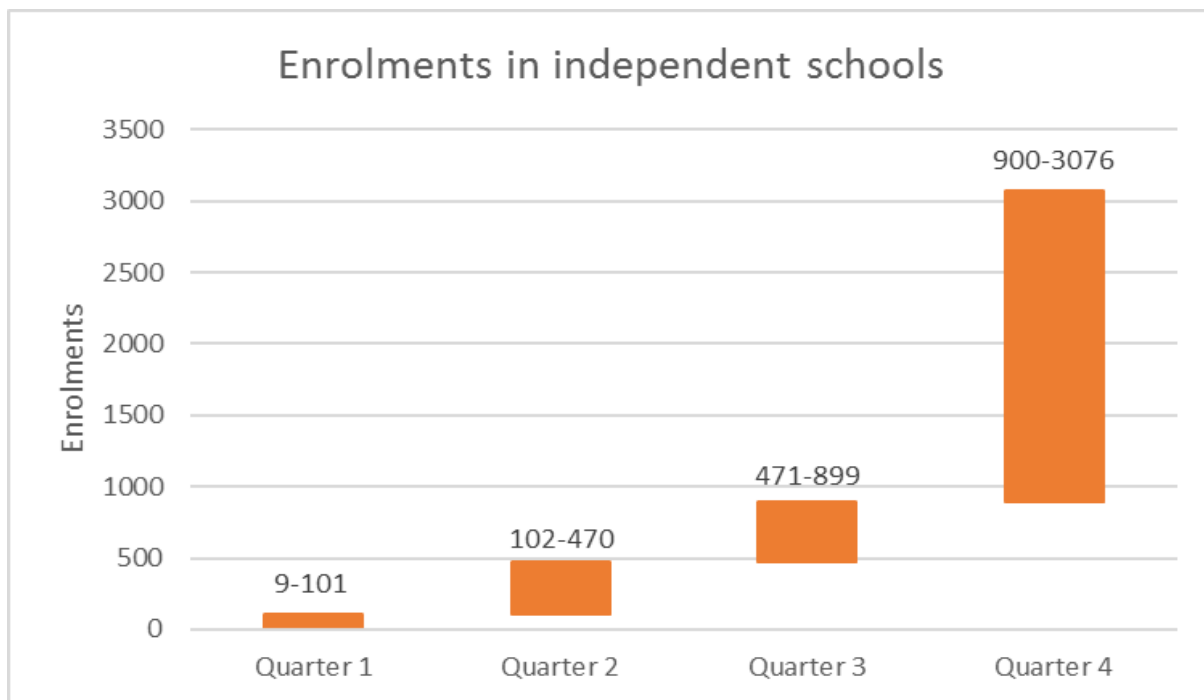
## Profile

- 219 schools (10% of schools)
- Two-thirds are P-12 schools
- 14 % of enrolments
  - 11% of primary: 20 % of secondary
- Account for 12% of specialist schools
- Variety of corporate structures
- Early learning centres

## Diversity of sector

- Resources: Some wealthy schools but a quarter get **>73%** of income from government. Half of schools get 56% or more from government.
- Outcomes: Many high performing but **30%** have a median VCE < 30
- Size: Large multi-campus operations to small schools
- Affiliation: 50% Christian; 25% non-denomination; 5% Islamic; 5% Jewish; 15% Other (Steiner, Montessori, Specialist etc.)

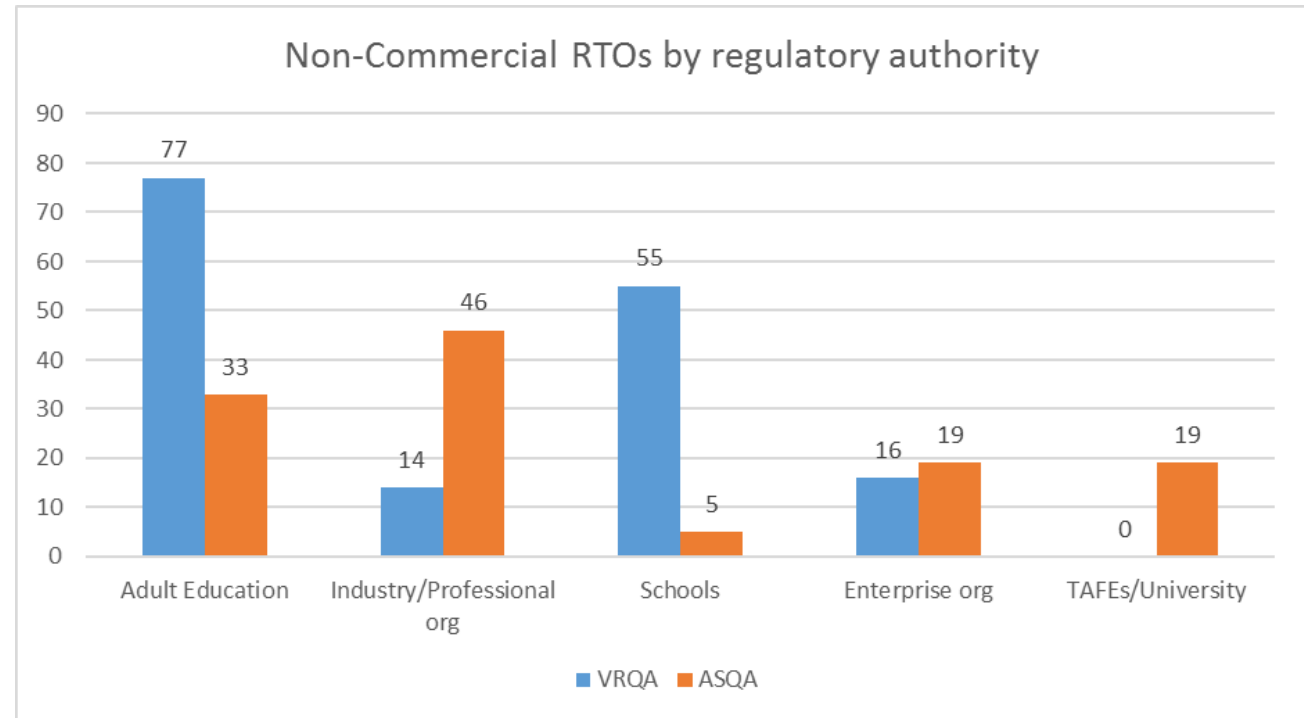
# Diversity of independent schools



- A quarter of schools have 101 enrols or less
- Half have 470 enrols or less

# VET regulation in Victoria

- 1,085 Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) in Victoria
  - VRQA – 255 RTOs
  - ASQA – 830 RTOs
- VRQA- mainly not-for-profit RTOs
- ASQA - mainly commercial RTOs
  - 702 commercial RTOs compared to 91 with VRQA



# VRQA Registered Training Organisations

Organisation Type	Providers	VTG Enrols
Ed/Training Business or Centre (Commercial RTO)	91	18,300
Adult Education provider	77	10,000
Industry/Professional organisation	14	3,600
Enterprise organisations	16	700
Schools	55	1,200
Other	2	50
Total	255	33,900

- 34,000 enrolments in state-subsidised VET in 2016
- VTG – Victorian Training Guarantee
- Minimum VET enrolments of 63,000 (subsidised and unsubsidised)



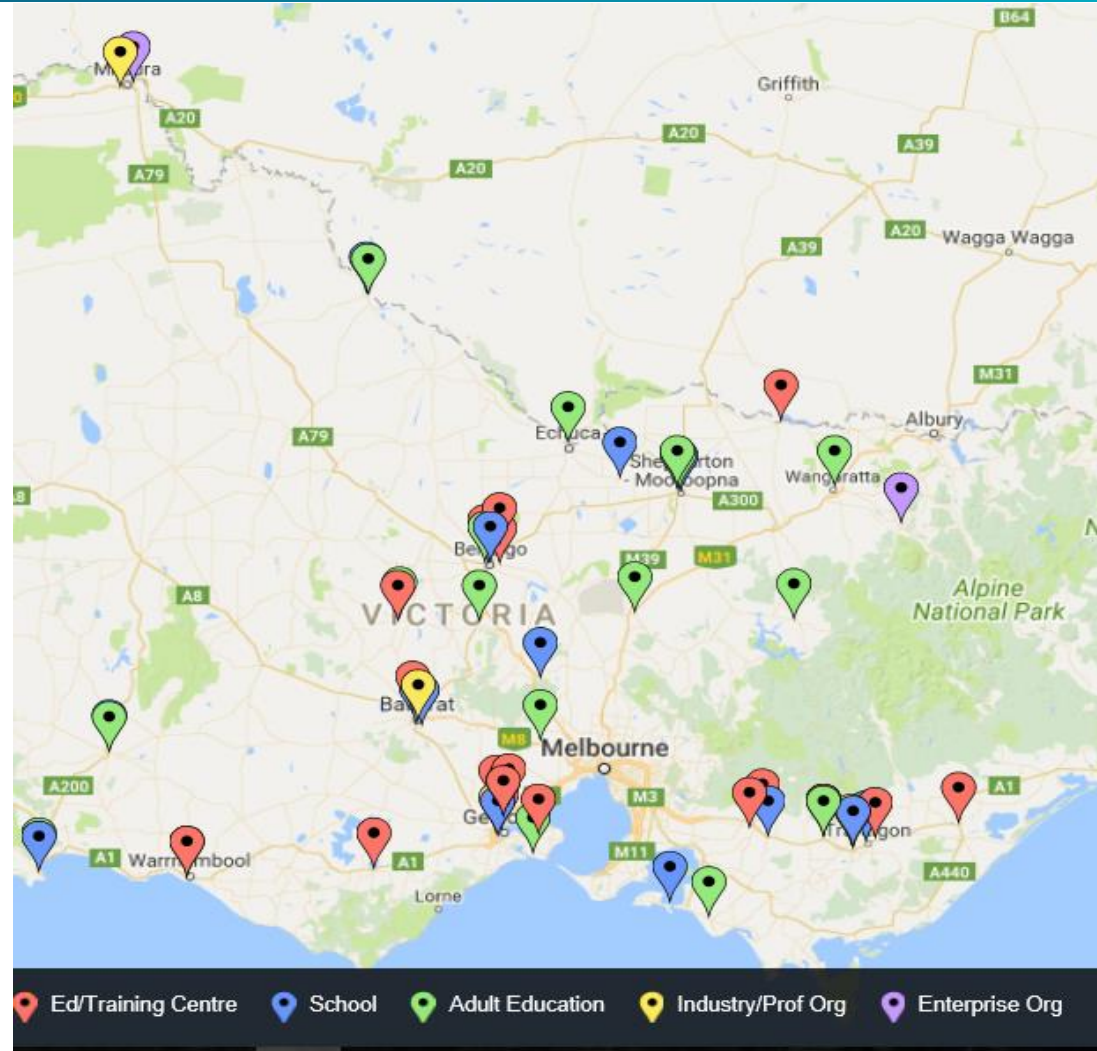
# VET in Schools - VETiS

*Students can undertake a VET qualification while at school which provide credit towards VCE/VCAL*

- 60 schools registered (55 VRQA; 5 ASQA)
- 51,500 enrolments
  - 3,500 SBATs and 48,000 VET courses
  - Half of enrolments affiliated with TAFEs
- Schools registered for VETiS have declined (124 in 2007)
- But enrolments steadily increasing (+2% in 2015).

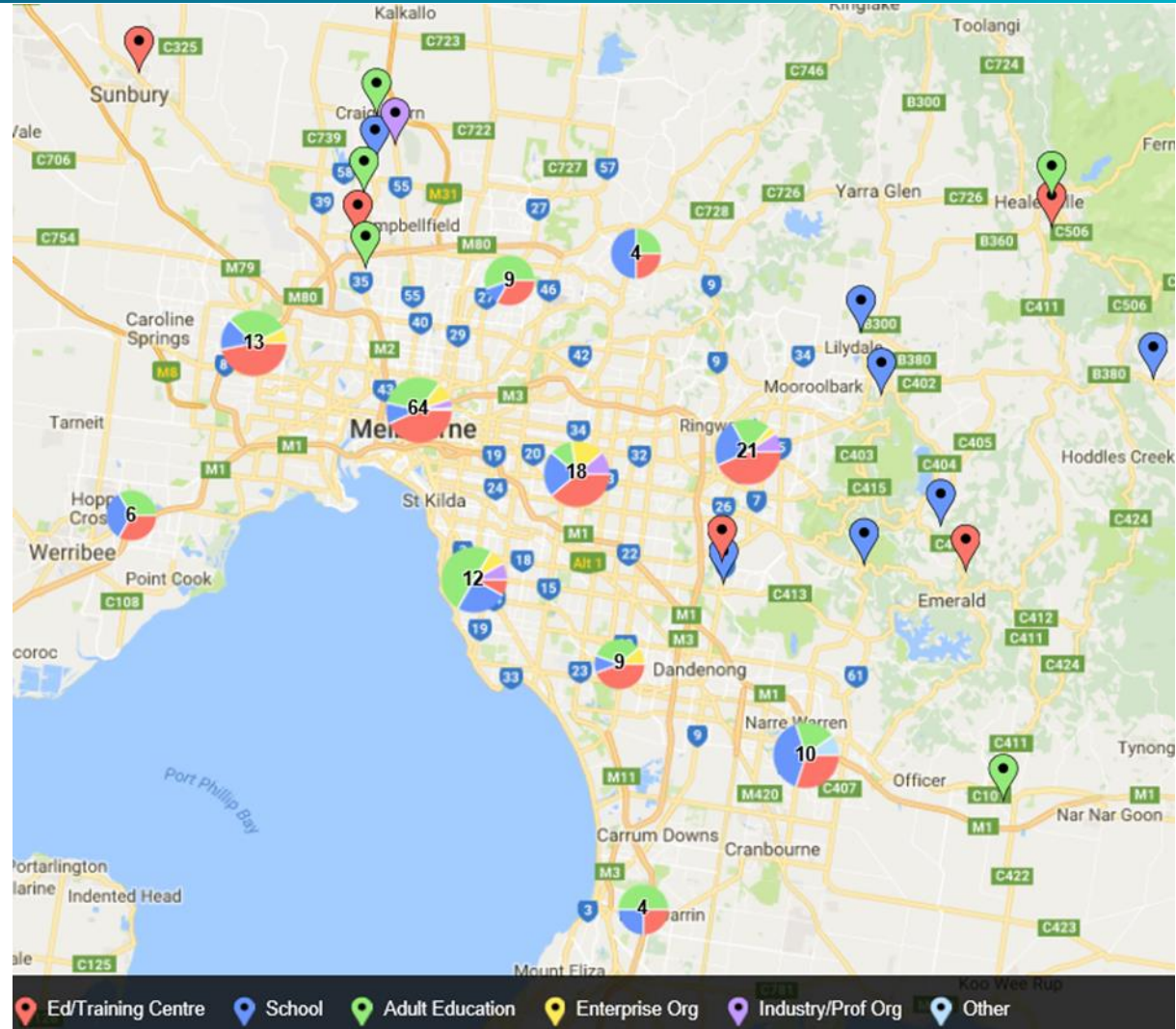
# VRQA RTOs – Regional Victoria

- One quarter of VRQA RTOs located in rural and regional Victoria.
- Mainly located at regional centres.



# VRQA RTOs – Greater Melbourne Area

- Three quarters located in Greater Melbourne Area.



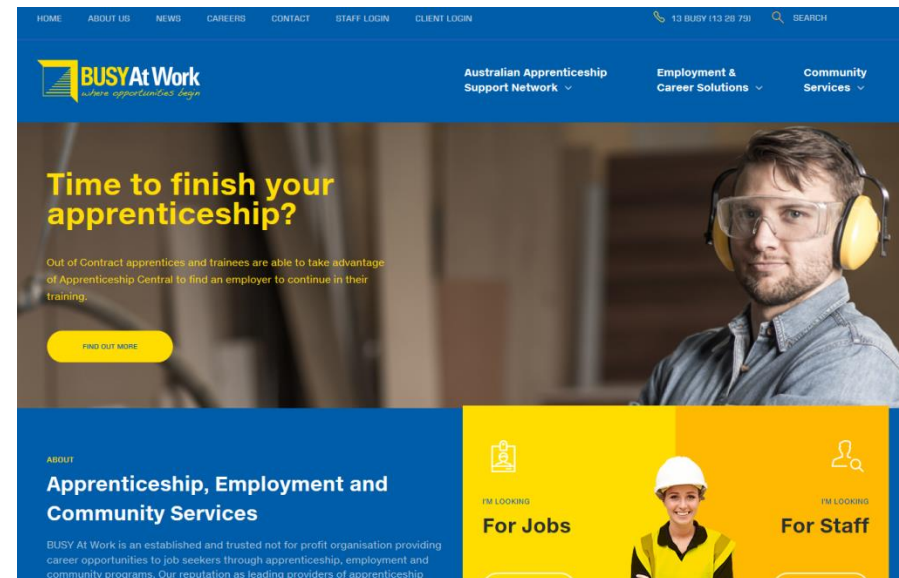
# Apprenticeship and Traineeship activity in 2015-16

In 2015-16, the VRQA:

- registered 40,670 training contracts
- granted 4500 employer approvals
- made determinations in 5 formal disputes.

Regulatory field services:

- *Busy At Work* under contract from VRQA
- 3900 workplace visits by authorised officers in 2015-16
  - risk-based planned visits
  - targeted visits as part of campaigns
  - in response to disputes.



# Non school senior secondary providers

- 44 registered providers
- Offer VCE /VCAL in a non-school setting
- Disengaged young people, migrants, adults with disrupted education
- TAFEs, Neighbourhood Houses, Learning Centres, CAE
- Estimated 7,000 students enrolled
- Child safe standards apply





# Victorian economic context

The forecast is positive

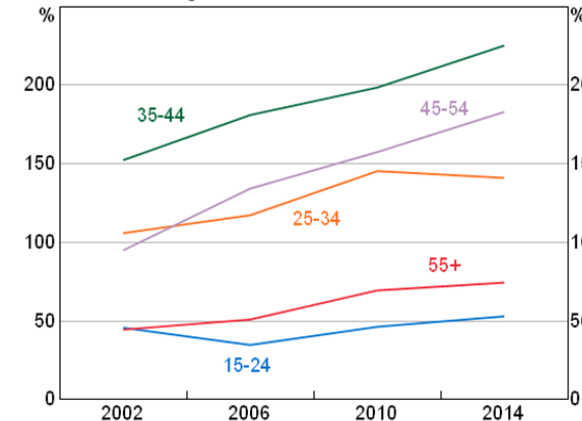
Table 2.1: Victorian economic forecasts (per cent)

	2015–16	2016–17	2017–18	2018–19	2019–20	2020–21
	actual	forecast	forecast	forecast	projection	projection
<b>Real gross state product</b>	3.3	3.00	2.75	2.75	2.75	2.75
<b>Employment</b>	2.4	3.25	2.00	1.50	1.50	1.50
<b>Unemployment rate <sup>(b)</sup></b>	5.9	5.75	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50
<b>Consumer price index <sup>(c)</sup></b>	1.6	2.00	2.00	2.25	2.50	2.50
<b>Wage price index <sup>(d)</sup></b>	2.3	2.00	2.25	2.75	3.00	3.25
<b>Population <sup>(e)</sup></b>	2.1	2.00	1.90	1.80	1.80	1.80

Sources: Department of Treasury and Finance; Australian Bureau of Statistics

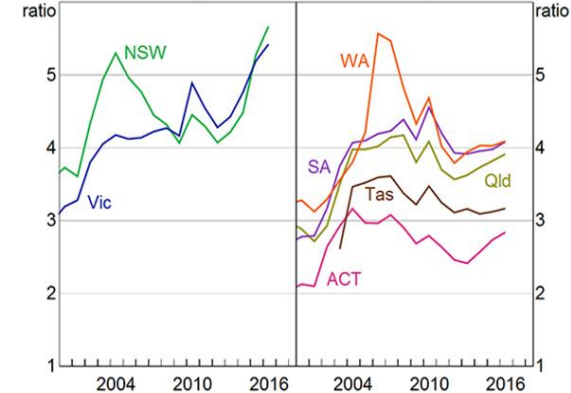
...but there are storm clouds

Household Debt-to-income Ratios  
Age of household head, median\*



\* For households that owe debt  
Sources: HILDA Release 15.0; RBA

Housing Price-to-income Ratios\*



\* Annual household disposable income, after tax, before the deduction of interest payments and including income of unincorporated enterprises; financial years  
Sources: ABS; APM; RBA

‘...my overall assessment is that the recent increase in household debt relative to our incomes has made the economy less resilient to future shocks.’

Phillip Lowe, Reserve Bank governor, 4 May 2017

# Education and training organisations beyond 2017

## Challenges and opportunities:

- Possible economic pressures
- Parent choices
- New regulatory demands – child safe standards and reportable conduct
- Government priorities



# Questions