



MONASH UNIVERSITY - ACER

CENTRE FOR THE ECONOMICS OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING

## 12th Annual National Conference Friday 31 October 2008

Ascot House, 50 Fenton St, Ascot Vale, Melbourne (Melways 29A9)

### The expansion of education and training: ensuring relevance, quality and inclusion

#### Program at 14 October 2008

##### 8.30 REGISTRATION

9.00	<i>Conference opening: the current policy settings</i>	Virginia Simmons	CEO, Chisholm Institute of TAFE
9.20	<i>Is VET Vocational?</i>	Tom Karmel	Managing Director, NCVER
9.50	<i>South Australia's approach to skills and workforce development</i>	Michael Keating AC and Lise Windsor	Chairman, Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal, NSW Dept Further Education, Employment, Science and Technology, SA
		Discussant Chandra Shah	CEET

##### 10.30 MORNING TEA

11.00	<i>The relative payoff to VET and higher education</i>	Mike Long	CEET
11.30	<i>Employer cooperation in training</i>	Richard Cooney	Department of Management, Monash University
12.00	<i>Why qualifications are important</i>	Jack Keating	CPELL University of Melbourne
12.30	<i>Is quality assurance improving?</i>	Rob Fearnside	Deputy Director, Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority

##### 1.00 LUNCH

1.45	<i>Inclusion and exclusion in VET and Higher Education</i>	Fran Ferrier & Sue North	CEET
2.15	<i>Key international developments affecting Australian education and training</i>	Phillip McKenzie	CEET and ACER
2.45	<i>Short break for tea and coffee</i>		
3.00	<i>Financial arrangements to support relevance, quality and inclusion</i>	Panel: Gerald Burke, Peter Noonan and Marie Persson	CEET, Peter Noonan Consulting and Deputy Director General, TAFE & Community Education & Training NSW
3.30	<i>Concluding discussion</i>		
4.00	<b>Conference ends with drinks until 4.30pm</b>		