Navitas submission to the Standing Committee on Education, Employment and Workplace Relations on the Higher Education Support Amendment (Streamlining and Other Measures) Bill 2012

About Navitas

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Summary

Navitas welcomes moves by the Standing Committee on Education, Employment and Workplace Relations to improve access to education and reduce administrative and regulatory burden with the release of the proposed amendments to the Higher Education Support Act.

Navitas is supportive of any moves to reduce regulatory burden and supports the Business Council of Australia's proposition that adopting a risk-based approach to regulatory design, implementation and review is critical to lifting regulatory performance and to realising and sustaining the benefits of current and future competition and regulatory reforms[1].

Therefore Navitas is highly supportive of changes proposed in the Higher Education Support Amendment (Streamlining and Other Measures) Bill 2012 to implement a risk-managed and more streamlined approach to VET FEE-HELP applications, especially for dual sector providers.

Navitas also supports the staged implementation approach outlined in option two of the Bill's explanatory memorandum.

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[1] Discussion Paper for the COAG Business Advisory Forum, April 2012.