

International Issues: More of the Same or Worlds Apart?

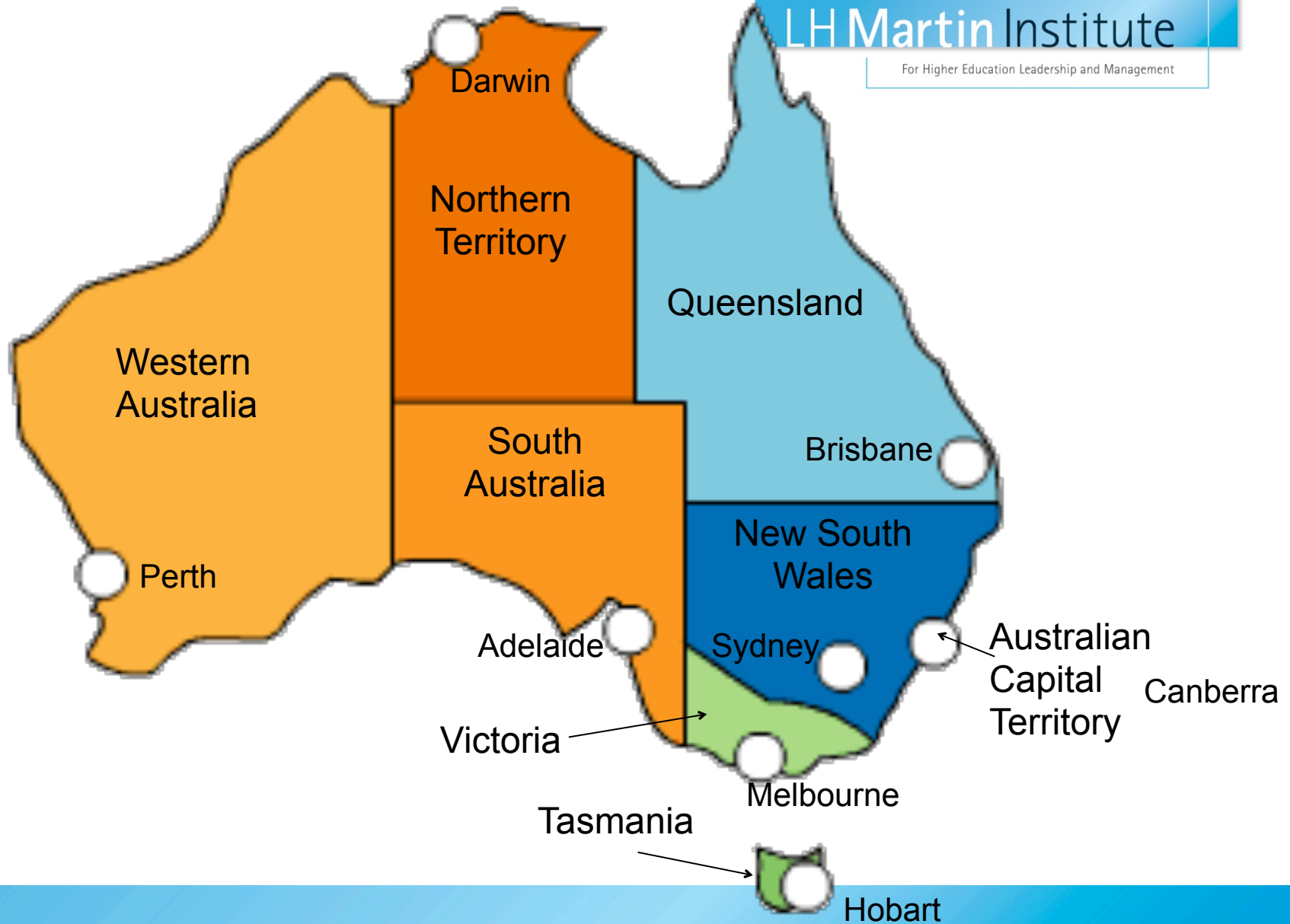
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Structure of education in Australia

- 3 sectors of post-school education
 - Senior secondary school
 - Vocational education and training (TAFE institutes – like your community colleges)
 - Higher education
- Curricular differentiation – competency-based training in VET, curriculum or knowledge based in HE – causes huge tensions
- The sectors are blurring & our system is starting to become more like yours – with important differences
 - Schools offer VET in schools
 - TAFEs offer higher education – although early days
 - Universities offer VET qualifications – although small
- Our tertiary education systems more driven by the market

Australia – big issues

- Increase productivity & participation (support social inclusion)
 - Targets mentioned earlier
- Big issues:
 - Increase pathways between sectors & credit transfer
 - Quality assurance – more marketised, more regulation
 - Role of the public provider in VET
 - Ministers making soothing noises, but cast public provider as being able to do things that privates can't – solve market failure, support disadvantaged students, teach expensive trades and occupations – this residual – need to emphasise role of public institutions fulfilling public policy objectives