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CPEE Feedback to TEQSA Fees and Charges Proposal – Consultation Paper.

CPEE was founded to deliver higher educational courses specifically tailored for industry needs, providing a deep focus to sustain and build skills competency areas that are specialised and essential for community benefit and sustainability in the area of roads, pavement, construction and assets, driving healthy outcomes in transport, places and people. In response to industry needs, CPEE has been able to grow and diversify the discipline and depth of educational focus within their higher degree programs as accredited by TEQSA. CPEE was established by industry, State Government and Associations because the Universities were not seen to be addressing the educational needs in discipline specific areas at the depth that was needed. We are for example, the only higher degree provider for post grad courses Grad Cert and Masters in Roads and Pavements in Australia. Many of our graduates are now leaders in the sector.

Covid has had a significant impact in the Australian Educational landscape with many Universities forced to reduce the diversity and range of post grad offerings, reducing the range of specialist offerings. CPEE has worked closely in collaboration with industry to further build the post grad offerings in response to industry needs, and because the organisation has lower overheads than a larger University is able to offer these specialisations with a smaller student intake. Diversity within the educational sector is important for the ongoing benefit of students.

CPEE is in the process of preparing another higher degree program for TEQSA consideration at the moment.

The impact of the proposed fee increases in the TEQSA “Fees and charges proposal – consultation paper” April 2021, will be significant for a small educational organisation like CPEE, especially in light of the financial impacts from Covid in the past year and what are now ongoing in Victoria.

I would encourage further discussion with TEQSA about the impact of the proposed new fee regime on smaller educational providers such as CPEE and how we can explore ways to mitigate the possibly devastating impact.

Kind regards Madeleine



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