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## **WE NEED A FULLY NATIONAL EDUCATION SYSTEM**

I wanted to say more here but here goes in brief ...

A PhD I completed in 2007 (please email to [markld@ozemail.com.au](mailto:markld@ozemail.com.au) for further details) summarised past estimates and established new estimates of the public and private sector financial benefits possible through government structure reforms such as New States, Unification, Regional Governments and Functional Transfers (to establish national health or education systems, for example), motivated by the hope that financial benefits achieved through intelligent reform can generate significant benefits for our country socially, environmentally and generally. Past and new estimates alike suggest that intelligent reform of Australia's government structures and regulatory systems could achieve financial benefits of at least \$50 billion per annum across the entire Australian economy (in June 2007 dollar terms). Such gains could free up the creative talents of many thousands of Australians currently wasted and "creatively imprisoned" in bureaucracy –to substantially help resolve the skills shortage, and deliver huge funding boosts to Australia's education and training systems.