

# Quality, Competence and Capacity – a trigger presentation

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## Question:

After 10 years of HIA methodological development and in light of increasing demand, will HIA continue to be " a good thing" if these issues are not addressed ?



# Quality – what is it ?

- How do you know if you have it ?
- How can it be measured ?
- What are the implications for the future, e.g. legislation ?
- Is it a matter of money ?
- Does nomenclature get in the way ?  
How does it vary ?
- Expectation and Reality – is there a gap and what can be done about it ?



## Competence - how to get it

- Portfolios and experience or training and accreditation ?
- Would an agreed route improve quality ?
- What should the balance be ?
- Individual and organisational competence to undertake HIA – is there room for different levels of competence ?



## Capacity – who has it ?

- Is there enough “specialised” capacity to train and deliver competent practitioners and quality HIA products ?
- Does the HIA fraternity want or need an “association” to “assure” its’ professional standards ?



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As Lloyd Grossman used to say,  
“It’s over to you”



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