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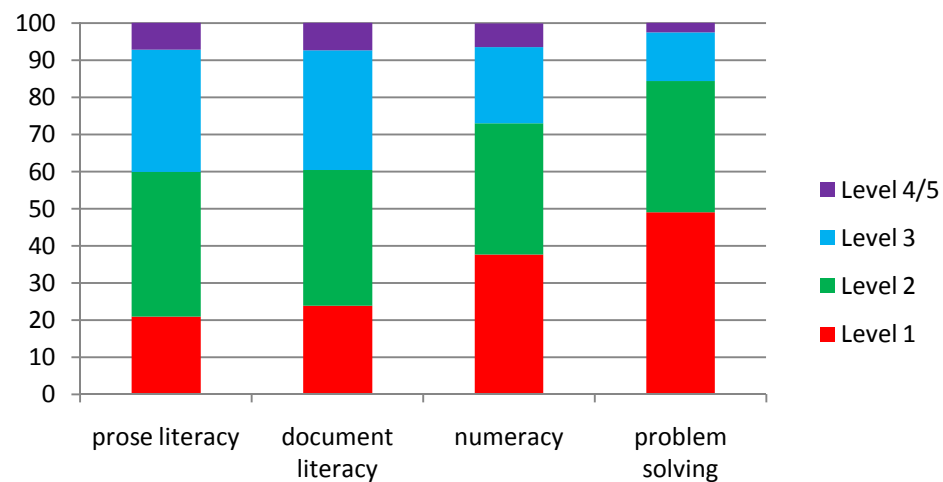
Foundation Skills: an Australian Government Perspective

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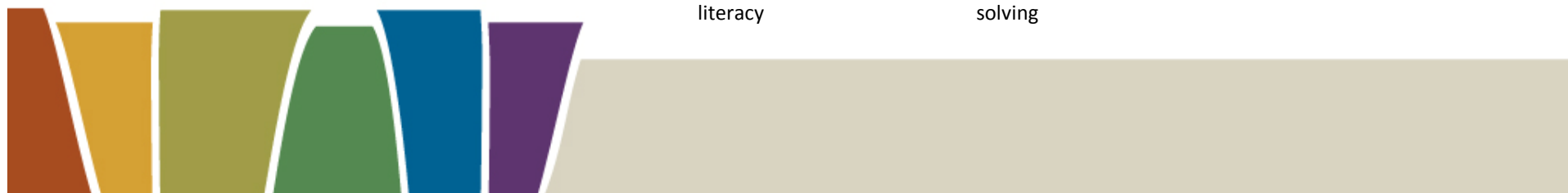
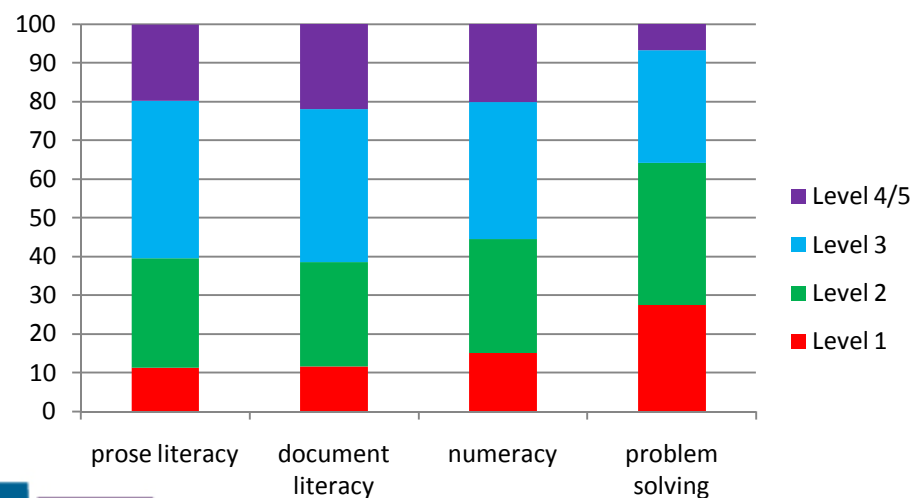
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LLN skill levels, ALLS 2007

Unemployed



In employment



COAG Targets

- **National Agreement for Skills and Workforce Development**
 - Halve the proportion of Australians aged 20-64 without qualifications at Certificate II and above by 2020.
 - Double the number of higher qualification completions (diploma and advanced diploma) by 2020
- **National Indigenous Reform Agreement (Closing the Gap)**
 - Halve the gap in employment outcomes between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians within a decade.
 - Australians within a decade.



Investment in Foundation Skills

- 2009 Federal Budget - \$52.8 million
- 2010 Federal Budget - \$119.2 million
 - \$67 million to strengthen the Language Literacy and Numeracy Program (<http://www.deewr.gov.au/llnp>)
 - \$28.7 million to expand the Workplace English Language and Literacy Program and extend the Foundation Skills Taster Course Program (<http://www.deewr.gov.au/well> or [fstc](http://www.deewr.gov.au/fstc))
 - \$23.5 million for the National Foundation Skills Outreach and Leadership Project



Foundation Skills Outreach and Leadership Project

- National awareness raising campaign
- Strengthen foundation skills in Training Packages
- Build the skills of the LLN workforce
- Develop an employability skills tool
- Support National Foundation Skills Strategy



Building LLN Workforce Skills

- Adult LLN practitioner scholarships
- Australian Core Skills Framework
 - Mapping
 - Professional development
- Other workforce development





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Thank you

