The Open Method of Coordination: Lessons for Australia?

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- What is it?
- In which policy sectors is it used?
- Where did it come from?
Is it useful?

**Strengths**
- Increases problem solving capacity
- Facilitates policy learning
- Responsive and flexible

**Weaknesses**
- Cheap talk?
- Accountability and legitimacy
Relevance to Australian MLG?

- Provides options for COAG plus
- New policy challenges that do not match Commonwealth or State scales
- Alternative to Commonwealth takeover