

# Measuring what matters

## Attachment A: Measuring What Matters: Consultation Feedback form

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Not answered
- 10 State  
Not answered
- 11 Participants attending  
Other (PLEASE SPECIFY)
- 12 Other  
Members of peak body
- 13 Number of participants  
10
- 14 1. Did the five emerging policy themes Prosperous, Inclusive, Sustainable, Cohesive and Healthy resonate with meeting participants?  
No
- 15 If not, why not (200 words)  
Phrasing of themes as 'Emerging' is a platitude. Preference was to rephrase to 'renewed' or 'prominent'. Additionally, there should be more focus on equality and equity, to support vulnerable people.
- 16 2. Which of the following themes are most important to you? (Select 3)  
Inclusive: A society that shares opportunities and enables people to fully participate  
Healthy: A society in which people feel well and are in good physical and mental health now and into the future  
Cohesive: A safe and cohesive society that celebrates culture and encourages participation
- 17 3. Which themes or descriptions were most frequently discussed? (Select 3)  
Prosperous: A growing, productive and resilient economy

Cohesive: A safe and cohesive society that celebrates culture and encourages participation

Inclusive: A society that shares opportunities and enables people to fully participate

18 4. What do you see as the most important issues for future wellbeing?  
Are these captured by the emerging policy themes?

Overall, there is a lot of ambiguity in what the definitions actually mean. Clear linkages are needed between these themes and definitions, and what policy is meant to outline a minimum standard. Additionally, statements around who is responsible and how, in achieving these goals.

For many people, these themes are so far out of reach because of the disadvantage they face. These themes can very easily be interpreted as western-culture dominant, in that they reject the values and priorities of different cultures, socio-economic groups, genders, disabilities etc.

More explicit mentions to equity and equality are needed, specifically as it relates the vulnerable individuals and communities that fall through existing systemic gaps, such as unpaid carers. Additionally, the resilience of these individuals and communities, as they manage to get by in systems and structures that are not accommodating of them.

19 5. How might the descriptions be amended to best reflect our priorities?

Suggestions:

1. Prosperous

An economy that provides equitable opportunity for all Australians

People have safe and timely access to the necessary services and amenities they need that support a good life

2. Inclusive

Gender equality, within families, schools, workplaces and the community

A society that removes barriers to social, economic, and community access

A society that supports a strong and effective workforce where people will have access to secure, well-paying jobs

3. Cohesive

Government and leaders are trusted by the public

society that is free from discrimination based on diversity such as against age, gender, sexuality, culture, disability, or illness

#### 4. Healthy

A society where people have meaningful connections with their friends, family, and community and are able to pursue their personal interests

A society that recognises and supports those who help care for others

### 20 6. Are there any indicators and existing data sources that will be critical to inform the emerging policy themes?

Carer Wellbeing Survey - designed in collaboration between the University of Canberra, the Department of Social Services, and Carers Australia

### 21 7. Is there any additional information you would like to see in the Measuring What Matters Statement? If so, please outline.

Language should be changed to be more innovating and accountable to better state the core intentions of the statement. The current Statement lacks a sense of legitimacy and commitment, as it is largely framed around statements and descriptions that fail to outline the responsibility, or reality of the goal.