

Measuring what matters

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Attachment A: Measuring What Matters: Consultation Feedback form

To be completed by meeting host after each meeting and returned to measuringwhatmatters@treasury.gov.au by 26 May 2023.

Meeting details

Meeting host name/ organisation: Equity Project - Lived Experience Action Group

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Meeting host

- ☐ Member of Parliament
- ☐ Local government
- ☐ Non-government organisation
- ☐ Business
- ☐ Academic
- ☐ Community group
- ☐ Individual
- ☒ Other Equity Project (An alliance of several WA service organisations working together to mobilise communities to fight against poverty).

Meeting date: 16/05/2023

Meeting location: WA Council of Social Services, 2/3 Loftus St, West Leederville, WA.

Participants attending:

- ☐ Member of a community organisation
- ☐ Businesses
- ☐ Academics
- ☐ Union members
- ☐ Individuals
- ☒ Other Lived Experience Action Group members associated with the Equity Project.

Number of participants: 10

What matters to Australians?

1. Did the five emerging policy themes Prosperous, Inclusive, Sustainable, Cohesive and Healthy resonate with meeting participants?

☒ Yes ☐ No if not, why not [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

2. Which of the following themes are most important to you? (Select three)

☐ **Prosperous:**

A growing, productive and resilient economy

☐ **Inclusive:**

A society that shares opportunities and enables people to fully participate

☒ **Sustainable:**

A natural environment that is valued and sustainably managed in the face of a changing climate for current and future generations

☒ **Cohesive:**

A safe and cohesive society that celebrates culture and encourages participation

☒ **Healthy:**

A society in which people feel well and are in good physical and mental health now and into the future

3. Which themes or descriptions were most frequently discussed? (Select three)

☐ **Prosperous:**

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

The most significant issues identified by workshop participants were:

- *Universal access to healthcare (incl. dental, mental, Indigenous and preventative healthcare).* This is captured well within the emerging policy themes.
- *Safe, appropriate and affordable housing.* This is only implicitly covered under the themes of feeling safe at home (Cohesion), affordability of essentials (Inclusion) and having access to services/amenities/being financially secure (Prosperity). However, given the overwhelming importance of housing in achieving almost all other outcomes associated with wellbeing, it was felt that this issue needs explicit mention.
- *Valuing the role of unpaid work.* There is insufficient recognition within the draft themes that point to the need to adequately support community members engaged in unpaid caring work. The Cohesion theme contains a statement about 'supporting engagement in the community through volunteering and other means', and the Health theme contains a statement about valuing 'the contributions of all regardless of health or ability', however it was felt that neither of these adequately capture the valuing of unpaid disability, aged or child care (esp. in the context of this care being done by family members, rather than community volunteers).

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

Inclusivity

- Add a descriptor that says 'A society which ensures that people have access to safe, appropriate and affordable housing'.
- Amend the descriptor 'A society that provides people access to secure, well-paying jobs' to read 'A society that provides people access to adequate income through secure, well-paying jobs and which recognises the contribution of unpaid care work'.

Cohesion

- Amend the first descriptor to read 'A community where people are safe at home, online, in community AND IN INSTITUTIONS – eg. referring to children in state care/institutional care such as prisons/Family Court system etc.

Sustainability

- Amend the first descriptor from 'A healthy natural environment for current and future generations, protected from the damage being caused by climate change' to 'A healthy natural environment for current and future generations, protected from the damage being caused by industry' or "A healthy natural environment for current and future generations, protected from the damage." (The damage is not being caused by some natural phenomenon over which we have no control but by people. Also, it is important to expand the sustainability theme to include focus on non-carbon emission related environmental damage, such as water pollution).

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

No comment is provided on this point from the group.

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

No