

# Measuring what matters

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

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6 Other

Not answered

7 Meeting date

2 May 2023

8 Meeting location

In-person

- 9 Location/City/Town  
Sydney
- 10 State  
NSW
- 11 Participants attending  
Individuals
- 12 Other  
Not answered
- 13 Number of participants  
1
- 14 1. Did the five emerging policy themes Prosperous, Inclusive, Sustainable, Cohesive and Healthy resonate with meeting participants?  
Yes
- 15 If not, why not (200 words)  
Not answered
- 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  
Sustainable: A natural environment that is valued and sustainably managed in the face of a changing climate for current and future generations  
Healthy: A society in which people feel well and are in good physical and mental health now and into the future
- 17 3. Which themes or descriptions were most frequently discussed? (Select 3)  
Healthy: A society in which people feel well and are in good physical and mental health now and into the future  
Sustainable: A natural environment that is valued and sustainably managed in the face of

a changing climate for current and future generations

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?

Inclusive society, i think by definition would include Cohesive, because when you share opportunities and everyone participates then, as a 2-way flow this should also celebrate & value (ie encourage) all people and what they have to offer our society. So Cohesive is unnecessary.

If our society is sustainable, inclusive and healthy - then it will be productive & resilient. Being productive and resilient is a positive goal for our physical and mental health. While "growth" is counter-productive and leads to waste of scarce resources & poor health (physical and mental) outcomes, which in turn is a "cost" to society and leads to "non-inclusive" behaviour.

"Natural growth" will occur naturally if we have a "productive and resilient economy" which encourages inclusive participation, of a healthy society in a sustainable manner. Therefore I believe "growth" should be considered as an outcome not a "goal" or objective".

I think that "growth" as an objective is one of the current PROBLEMS with our society and culture, as it is contrary to "sustainable". I have never understood the "bigger is better" mantra.

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

See above.

Remove cohesive, as it is already covered.

Remove "growth" as a focus. It skews behaviour and is contrary to sustainable.

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

Key indicators for a "functioning society" should focus on the health and well-being, and safety of citizens. Without these key factors, then the rest doesn't matter.

Indicators of the following are critical: mental & physical health; prosperity of our "average" citizens, senior citizens and children; domestic violence and suicide; affordability of housing for average citizens.

"Long hours in paid work" & is an example of an indicator that may indicate our national propensity to "gather wealth" than "live life" which is not a healthy choice, mental or

physical. Driving this choice is the high cost of housing and “cultural expectations on measures of a successful life”, but at what cost ?? Less time with your family, poorer long term health and increased risk of stress and poor mental health.

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

Like many other countries “what matters” is how we ensure our indigenous population and the rural communities (that produce our resources, food etc.) are able to prosper and have enjoy a consistent health & well-being outcome as those in the cities, closer to services, support and health care.

These communities cannot be a “statistical minority” that gets lost in the “overall data” of “total Australia”.

We need a specific focus on the “health and well-being” of our indigenous population: mortality, incarceration rates, life satisfaction, overall health, feeling safe & secure etc. Where are these indicators ?

We need a specific focus on “rural v city” gap: income, life satisfaction, overall health, mortality etc . Where are these indicators ?