



# Australian Community Futures Planning

*We have it in our power to create the world anew*

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## MEDIA RELEASE

**ACFP launches major report on  
Australia's wellbeing, security and  
preparedness for the future at the end of  
the 47<sup>th</sup> parliament's term of office**

## **The State of Australia 2025**

Australian Community Futures Planning has released a major report on the state of the nation at the end of the term of office of the 47<sup>th</sup> parliament of Australia.

The report provides detailed results on our performance as a nation over the last two decades in making a better Australia. It is a comprehensive review of the effectiveness of policies supported by governments and parliaments over that time.



**The report on *The State of Australia 2025* is an indispensable tool for voters as we approach the 2025 federal election.**

This evidence-based report shows clearly that the dominant policies of the last ten to twenty years have let Australians down badly.

On release of the report, ACFP's Founder, Dr Bronwyn Kelly, said that throughout the century, in a wide variety of surveys, research programs and community engagement forums, Australians have been shouting out quite clearly and consistently about the sort of nation they want to build. This report shows we are not building it. We are moving away from it.

The report presents a comprehensive picture of what Australians have said they want for their future and provides a detailed report on the reality of the state of Australia in 2025. "Prevailing policies are dragging us to a destination that is the polar opposite of everything we want for ourselves and our kids. But the report shows that we still have the capacity to reverse these trends, and can succeed if we start now. It will require a significant reversal in the direction of policies," said Dr Kelly.

[The State of Australia 2025](#) reports on the results of performance against 368 indicators of our wellbeing and security as a nation. ACFP has compiled the results by building the [Australia Together National Wellbeing Index](#). This is the nation's largest consolidated index of our wellbeing, security,

preparedness for the future, social cohesion, economic performance, environmental custodianship, international standing and democratic strength. It is an index of our strategic capability to build the particular type of better Australia we have said we want – one that can thrive as a prosperous democracy in a 21<sup>st</sup> century globalised world.

The Index is a composite of indicators used and reported on by the many institutions that conduct surveys and research on Australia, augmented by a variety of other indicators of performance on strategies and policies necessary to build the sort of future we want. It looks forward as well as backward and is able to throw light on what we might expect in our future if we do not change to safer policies and courses of action.

“The *Australia Together* National Wellbeing Index puts a large suite of wide-ranging indicators and evidence in one place so that Australians can easily see how well their parliaments and governments have actually been performing on delivering the things that matter most to Australians and where we want those we elect to do better. It puts politicians on notice and it gives all Australians the opportunity to drive the agenda.”

“If Australian voters are seeking information on where we are heading in the right or wrong direction as a nation, and whether we are dealing well or poorly with what matters most to them, The State of Australia 2025 provides them with a convenient and balanced report,” Dr Kelly said.

[Click here to download The State of Australia 2025.](#)

Or download at <https://austcfp.com.au/state-of-australia#state-of-australia-2025>

Contact the report’s author, Dr Bronwyn Kelly, for further comments by contacting ACFP.

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