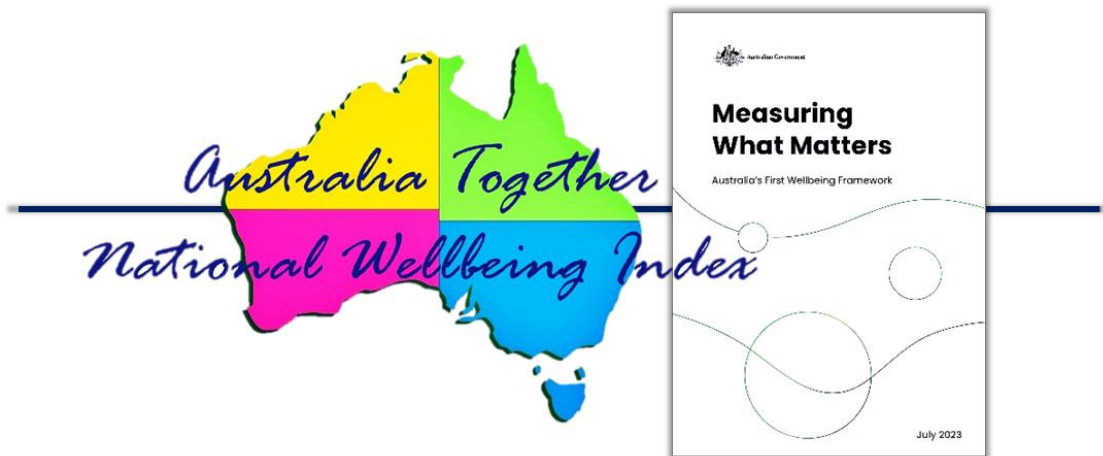# Australian Community Futures Planning

Questions about *Australia Together*

Does *Australia Together* measure what matters?
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Aligning Australia's wellbeing measurement frameworks

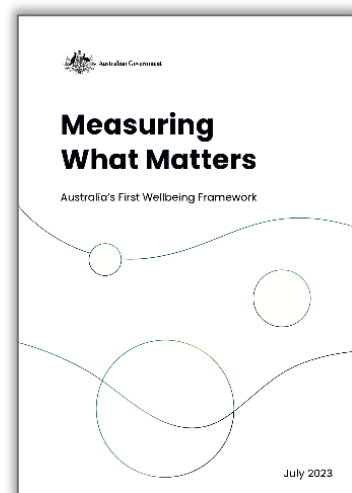## What's in this fact sheet?

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1. How is measurement of wellbeing organised in Australia?

Wellbeing in Australia is measured by a very wide range of public and private institutions, most of which routinely make their findings public. The diversity of the organisations involved in surveying wellbeing is indicative of the fact that wellbeing is affected by many different factors extending beyond mere physical and mental health to perceptions of safety, security, equality of opportunity, poverty, fairness in society, power in democracy, control over one's own life, experience of discrimination and racism, and multiple other forms of exclusion.

Several attempts have been made in Australia to assemble a meaningful set of indicators of wellbeing in one place, bearing in mind the advantages this can offer for development of policies and programs that can secure the wellbeing of all. One of the earliest was the Australian Bureau of Statistics' Measures of Australia's Progress (MAP). However, this was shut down by funding cuts in 2013.

In 2023, the Australian government's Treasury revived elements of the MAP project by releasing a new Measuring What Matters Statement (MWM) and Dashboard, which consolidated a list of 50 high level indicators of wellbeing. Historical data were provided for the MWM indicators using 72 selected measures of wellbeing but no indication was given about what might constitute an acceptable level of improvement or deterioration in trends. No specific targets for wellbeing were set, although a general aim was expressed regarding the need to "pursue a more healthy, secure, sustainable, cohesive and prosperous Australia." Release of the MWM framework provided a long overdue and very welcome improvement in transparency and care for the Australian community by its governments. It is vital that the MWM framework be maintained.

Prior to the release of MWM, however, Australian Community Futures Planning (ACFP) in 2021 had begun the process of consolidating a wide array of indicators of wellbeing in Australia to form the *Australia Together* National Wellbeing Index. This Index consolidated baseline and target data on over 180 wellbeing indicators. By 2024 the *Australia Together* National Wellbeing Index had been expanded to cover over 360 wellbeing indicators, all housed in Australia's first long term national plan – *Australia Together*. The Index was assembled in consolidated form in *Australia Together* for the purpose of enabling Australians to track their safe progress

The *Australia Together* National Wellbeing Index is housed in Chapters 5 to 8 of *Australia Together*.

Find the latest data here.

towards or away from the goals they themselves have expressed for their future in surveys and other research and community engagement programs throughout the 21st century. These goals were consolidated in a draft vision statement within the plan called the Vision for *Australia Together*. See Appendix A for more information about the content of the Vision. Find more about where the draft Vision has come from here or at https://austcfp.com.au/australia-together#currentvision.

ACFP provides reports on movement in the indicators in the *Australia Together* National Wellbeing Index direct to Australians every three years prior to each federal election. Updates of data in the Measuring What Matters framework are reportedly due every three years commencing in 2026.

In 2024, the MWM wellbeing indicators dashboard was transferred from Treasury to the Australian Bureau of Statistics. At that time, ACFP incorporated the indicators from the MWM framework into the *Australia Together* National Wellbeing Index, unless they were already there in a similar form and unless they were deemed to be of minimal or no utility for long term integrated national planning purposes (which happened in the case of 9 measures out of the 72 measures used in the 50 MWM indicators – see **Table 2**). This provided Australians with a one-stop shop for information on trends in progress with indicators of their and their nation's wellbeing and security and a very strong planning framework for achieving the Vision for *Australia Together*.

This fact sheet provides information on the differences and similarities between the Measuring What Matters wellbeing framework and the *Australia Together* National Wellbeing Index. **Broadly, the two frameworks aspire to the same ideal – better wellbeing. But they differ in their capacity to measure what matters and build plans and policies capable of achieving real wellbeing for all.** Understanding this difference should be helpful in building a basis for collaborative policy development and integrated planning across the Australian public service and civil society.

2. Is there a conflict between the Measuring What Matters wellbeing framework and the *Australia Together* National Wellbeing Index?

The Measuring What Matters wellbeing framework and the *Australia Together* National Wellbeing Index are not in conflict. The government's aims for wellbeing implied in the MWM framework are consistent with the goals expressed for wellbeing in the Vision for *Australia Together*.

However, the MWM framework does not include some indicators that are necessary to help Australians monitor their progress towards or away from some of the elements of the Vision for *Australia Together*. In other words, the aspirations for wellbeing in the MWM framework – expressed as "wellbeing themes" – are not as wide as the aspirations in the Vision. Section 4 provides detail on the alignment of the two frameworks in terms of their aspirations for the wellbeing of Australians and shows which aspects of the Vision for *Australia Together* do and don't feature in the government's headline aims for our future wellbeing.

In summary, there is no conflict between the two frameworks in terms of aspirations for wellbeing. But in some areas of wellbeing different choices have been made in each framework about essential measures of wellbeing. Some factors affecting wellbeing would appear to matter more in *Australia Together* than they do in the MWM framework, doubtless because the Vision for *Australia Together* requires us to measure a lot more about what matters. In effect, the MWM framework tends somewhat towards measuring what matters according to the government whereas the *Australia Together* National Wellbeing Index tends towards measuring more of what matters to Australians.

Table 3 in Section 6 shows the differences in the frameworks by showing the targets measured in *Australia Together* that are measured in the MWM framework and those that are not. These differences are instructive as to the government's priorities for action to improve wellbeing.

3. How does the *Australia Together* National Wellbeing Index differ from the Measuring What Matters wellbeing indicators framework?

The structure and content of the *Australia Together* National Wellbeing Index differ from the MWM framework insofar as the baseline and target data and information in the *Australia Together* National Wellbeing Index are not confined to numerical data and extend to qualitative policy data. In 2024, the Index comprised 363 indicators including:

- 200 targets with baseline and target data largely in numerical or other quantitative form; and
- 163 strategies – with baseline and target data and information in qualitative forms, most of which described the status of policies and critical challenges in the early 2020s and a target (usually in date form) for a specified policy improvement sufficient to help Australians make the Vision a reality by 2050 or sooner.

This makes the *Australia Together* National Wellbeing Index unique among wellbeing measurement frameworks. It measures not just indicators of wellbeing but also the success or failure of policies that are directly related to those indicators. In other words it examines policy effectiveness in improving wellbeing and the government's effectiveness in implementation of good policy.

This difference in structure and content arises from the fact that the Index is used in *Australia Together* as the basis for national integrated planning, whereas the MWM dataset is isolated from a planning process and includes no target data. Data in the MWM may assist in the adjustment of policy if they reveal a trend of decline in a particular aspect of wellbeing; but unless the MWM dataset is connected to an integrated planning process it is significantly less likely to assist Australians to *prevent* a decline in wellbeing or to chart a cost-efficient course to the preferred future.

The other main difference between the two frameworks is the number of indicators. There are over 360 indicators in the *Australia Together* National Wellbeing Index but only 72 measures within the 50 indicators in the MWM framework. This means that the MWM framework has significantly less capacity than the *Australia Together* National Wellbeing Index to guide the development of policies capable of making an aspirational vision like the Vision for *Australia Together* a reality. It also has less capacity to enable Australians to be confident that they are travelling towards their preferred future of wellbeing via the safest policy paths. Since it is detached from a proper integrated planning process, the MWM framework is, as it were, flying blind to nowhere in particular.

4. How is the Measuring What Matters wellbeing framework aligned with the Vision for *Australia Together*?

Table 1 lists the "wellbeing themes" of the Australian government's Measuring What Matters wellbeing framework and searches for elements of the Vision for *Australia Together* that align with the government's themes. Appendix A contains the wording and links to the full Vision for *Australia Together*.

Conclusions:

- There is no conflict between the apparent aims for wellbeing in the two wellbeing frameworks. However, the Measuring What Matters framework does not cover as many aspects of the wellbeing preferred by Australians as does the Vision for *Australia Together*.

- **Table 1** shows that the Measuring What Matters framework aligns with Elements 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12 and 14 of the Vision for *Australia Together*.
- There are seven elements of the Vision for *Australia Together* do not feature **at the headline level** in the Measuring What Matters framework as being prominent in the government's aims for our future wellbeing:
    - **Element 5**: We act together as a compassionate society;
    - **Element 6**: Equality is valued as enriching human community, cultural harmony and social progress;
    - **Element 11**: National wealth is fairly raised and fairly shared;
    - **Element 13**: As a nation we have the courage to take a leading place in achieving the environmental aims of a global society;
    - **Element 15**: Democracy is assured by a well informed and engaged community of political equals;
    - **Element 16**: We can confidently trust our parliaments, governments, and courts to act fairly and justly in accordance with the rights and interests of the public and future generations; and
    - **Element 17**: We take pride in Australia as a responsible international citizen, active in building a safe, peaceful and united world.

    However, some attempts are made in the MWM framework to track indicators of trust in the government and carbon emissions, which may imply some level of commitment to Elements 13 and 16 of the Vision. **Table 2** provides explanations of why ACFP considers these attempts to be insufficient for realisation of Elements 13 and 16.
- The Measuring What Matters framework does not place as much emphasis on fairness, equality, compassion, caring, political inclusion, democracy and international cooperation as the Vision for *Australia Together*. It is largely silent on those elements.
- The Measuring What Matters framework does not provide a basis for development of policies that will enable Australia to deal with some of the most significant factors affecting wellbeing including racism, poverty, planetary heating, loss of human rights, and democratic decline.

Table 1 How is the Australian government's Measuring What Matters wellbeing framework aligned with the Vision for *Australia Together*?		
Measuring What Matters wellbeing themes		**Elements of the Vision for *Australia Together* aligning with those in Measuring What Matters.**
Healthy	A society in which people feel well and are in good physical and mental health, can access services when they need, and have the information they require to take action to improve their health.	**Element 4**: We are inspired and able to renew our physical and spiritual wellbeing. **Element 9**: Vital services are fully accessible for all.
Secure	A society where people live peacefully, feel safe, have financial security and access to housing.	**Element 1**: We are all safe. **Element 8**: Everyone can realise their full potential in life, as individuals, members of a family and citizens through unlimited opportunities in education and employment of choice. **Element 9**: Vital services are fully accessible for all. **Element 12**: Our economy is sustainable and supports rewarding opportunities and continuous improvements in living standards, wellbeing and security for everyone.
Sustainable	A society that sustainably uses natural and financial resources, protects and repairs the environment and builds resilience to combat challenges.	**Element 10**: Scarce resources are conserved and fairly shared. **Element 12**: Our economy is sustainable and supports rewarding opportunities and continuous improvements in living standards, wellbeing and security for everyone. **Element 14**: Stewardship of ecology is affirmed as fundamental to planetary and human survival.

Table 1		
How is the Australian government's Measuring What Matters wellbeing framework aligned with the Vision for *Australia Together*?		
Measuring What Matters wellbeing themes		**Elements of the Vision for *Australia Together* aligning with those in Measuring What Matters.**
Cohesive	A society that supports connections with family, friends and the community, values diversity, and promotes belonging and culture.	**Element 2**: We have achieved a lasting reconciliation between First Nations peoples and non-Indigenous Australians, based on our shared values of justice and self-determination. **Element 3**: Everyone is welcome to participate positively in community life. **Element 7**: Diversity is positively appreciated as the basis for a successful Australian society.
Prosperous	A society that has a dynamic, strong economy, invests in people's skills and education, and provides broad opportunities for employment and well-paid, secure jobs.	**Element 8**: Everyone can realise their full potential in life, as individuals, members of a family and citizens through unlimited opportunities in education and employment of choice. **Element 12**: Our economy is sustainable and supports rewarding opportunities and continuous improvements in living standards, wellbeing and security for everyone.

5. Does *Australia Together* measure what matters?

In 2024, as part of an audit of alignment between the MWM framework and the *Australia Together* National Wellbeing Index, ACFP incorporated measures from 19 of the 50 indicators in the MWM framework into *Australia Together*. This alignment required no deletion of indicators from *Australia Together*; it enhanced ACFP's data collection and monitoring facilities.

The remaining indicators in the MWM framework were not incorporated either because they were already in *Australia Together* or, in a small number of cases, they were not useful for developing strategies in the plan. **Table 2** shows the results of the alignment process.

Observations:

- The indicators of wellbeing in the MWM framework are aligned with those in the *Australia Together* National Wellbeing Index in all but two cases. These relate to the government's fiscal sustainability and growth in real wages. Reasons as to why these indicators were not incorporated into *Australia Together* are shown in **Table 2**.
- There are seven other indicators in the MWM framework that as of 2024 were not yet measured in the *Australia Together* National Wellbeing Index. These may be incorporated if the need arises in future. Where there are slight differences in the indicators chosen in the two frameworks, these are not considered to be material.

In summary, the vast majority of indicators measured in the Measuring What Matters framework are now also measured in *Australia Together* either in identical or similar form. In this regard, it is considered that the *Australia Together* National Wellbeing Index is very likely to be measuring what matters – according to the federal government of 2024.

As to whether the Index is measuring what matters to Australians, the answer is likely to arise from a consideration of whether the indicators, targets and strategies in *Australia Together* are likely to help Australians make the Vision for *Australia Together* a reality and that this in turn will help Australians live lives they can value in a country they value. In this regard ACFP will continue to assess the alignment between the draft Vision for *Australia Together* and Australian national values. For more information on this see the ACFP Fact Sheet: Does the Vision for *Australia Together* reflect what Australians have said they value and want?

Table 2	
How are the indicators in the Australian government's Measuring What Matters framework aligned with the indicators in the *Australia Together* National Wellbeing Index?	
Measuring What Matters indicators	**Indicators measured in *Australia Together***
Overall life satisfaction	Measured in *Australia Together* in: Happiness and wellbeing – life satisfaction for the youngest to oldest generations – Soc04.06.03 Happiness and wellbeing – life satisfaction for diverse elements of the community – Soc04.06.04 Happiness and wellbeing – optimism/pessimism – Soc04.06.02 Happiness and wellbeing – reported by Australians – Soc04.06.01 Happiness and wellbeing – world ranking – Soc04.06
Healthy – Healthy throughout life	
Life expectancy - Life expectancy at birth - Health adjusted life expectancy	Measured in *Australia Together* in: Indigenous life expectancy – Soc02.02 Life expectancy – females – Soc04.01.01 Life expectancy – males – Soc04.01 Life expectancy – health adjusted – males – Soc04.01.02 Life expectancy – health adjusted – females – Soc04.01.03
Mental health Proportion of people who experienced high or very high levels of psychological distress	Measured in *Australia Together* in: Mental health – experience of psychological distress – Soc04.03 Mental health – mental and behavioural conditions – Soc04.03.01 Mental health – anxiety – Soc04.03.02 Mental health – depression – Soc04.03.03
Prevalence of chronic conditions Proportion of people with one or more selected chronic health conditions	Measured in *Australia Together* in: Physical health – respiratory conditions – Soc04.05.05 Physical health – chronic conditions – Soc04.05.06
Healthy – Equitable access to quality health and care services	
Access to health services - Cost: proportion of people who at least once delayed or did not see a General Practitioner (GP) when needed due to cost - Cost: proportion of people who at least once delayed or did not see a medical specialist when needed due to cost - Wait times: proportion of people waiting longer than they felt acceptable for an appointment with a GP - Wait times: proportion of people waiting longer than they felt acceptable for an appointment with a medical specialist	Measured in *Australia Together* in: Health services accessibility – cost barriers – Soc04.09.01 Health services accessibility – waiting times – Soc04.09.02
Access to care and support services - Unmet needs: proportion of people (aged 0–64 years) living in households who receive disability support who felt their needs were not being met - Unmet needs: proportion of people (aged 65 years and over) living in households who receive aged care services and who felt their needs were not being met - Quality: proportion of people with disability (aged 15–64 years) who were satisfied with the quality of assistance - Quality: proportion of people (aged 65 years or over) living in households, who were satisfied with the quality of assistance	Measured in *Australia Together* in: Aged care system performance monitoring – satisfaction with aged care assistance – Soc12.02.02 Disability services system performance monitoring – satisfaction with assistance to the disabled – Soc12.05 Disability services system performance monitoring – satisfaction with assistance to carers for people with a disability – Soc12.05.01
Secure – Living peacefully and feeling safe	
Feeling of safety	Measured in *Australia Together* in: Safety in the home – Soc01.01

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Measuring What Matters indicators	**Indicators measured in _Australia Together_**
• Proportion of people who felt 'safe' or 'very safe' walking alone during the day and night	Safety on transport – **Soc01.02** Victims of crime (fear of becoming a victim) – **Soc01.07** Perceptions of safety and trust in the community – **Soc01.07.01**
Experience of violence • Proportion of people who experienced physical violence in last 12 months • Proportion of people who experienced violence by an intimate partner in last 12 months	Measured in _Australia Together_ in: Homicide – **Soc01.03** Sexual assault – **Soc01.04** Indigenous domestic and community abuse and violence – **Soc02.11** Domestic abuse – violence – **Soc10.02** Domestic abuse – emotional – **Soc10.02.01** Domestic abuse – homicide – **Soc10.02.02** Domestic abuse – hospitalisation – **Soc10.02.03**
Childhood experience of abuse • Proportion of people who have experienced physical or sexual abuse before the age of 15 years	Measured in _Australia Together_ in: Child assault – **Soc01.05**
Online safety • Proportion of people who have experienced online harm or negative content in the last 12 months	Measured in _Australia Together_ in: Safety online – **Soc01.02.01**
National safety • Proportion of Australians who feel 'safe' or 'very safe' based on views of world events	Measured in _Australia Together_ in: Perceptions of safety in the context of world events and national security – **Soc01.08**
Access to justice • Index of Australia's performance in providing accessible and affordable civil courts and alternative dispute resolution mechanisms (the index ranges from 0 to 1)	Measured in _Australia Together_ in: Access to justice – civil – **Soc 15.04** Access to justice – criminal – **Soc15.04.01** Equality before the law – **Soc06.03.**
Secure – Having financial security and access to housing	
Making ends meet • Proportion of households who experienced a cash flow problem in the last 12 months • Proportion of households unable to raise $2,000 when needed	Measured in _Australia Together_ by reference to the scale of poverty in Australia: Elimination of poverty – **Econ03.03** Elimination of poverty – children – **Econ03.03.01** Elimination of poverty – young people – **Econ03.03.02**
Homelessness • Rate of people who are experiencing homelessness	Measure in _Australia Together_ in: Homelessness – **Soc09.01**
Housing serviceability • Proportion of housing costs to household gross income, by tenure	Measured in _Australia Together_ in: Housing affordability – ownership by younger generations – **Soc09.02** Housing affordability – housing stress in all households – **Soc09.02.01** Housing affordability – housing stress in lower income households – **Soc09.02.02** Housing affordability – home ownership – **Soc09.02.03**
Sustainable – Protect, repair and manage the environment	
Emissions reduction • Proportion of reduction in Australia's net greenhouse gas emissions from 2005 levels • Renewable share of electricity generation **[ACFP note:** Measuring percentage emissions reduction in the absence of commitment to a carbon budget not an indicator that is useful for dealing with climate change and its effects on the environment. Monitoring emissions reduction will measure delivery on a government commitment but not the wellbeing of Australians or the	Measured in _Australia Together_ in: Achievement of net zero carbon emissions within a carbon budget that will maximise chances of limiting global heating as near as possible to 1.5° Celsius – **Env02.01** Emissions reduction target for 2030 – **Env02.01.01** Achievement of net zero emissions by 2033 within the carbon budget – **Env02.01.02** Planetary heating – Limitation of global temperature rise – **Env02.01.03** Planetary heating – Limitation of annual mean temperature rises in Australia – **Env02.01.04**

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Measuring What Matters indicators	**Indicators measured in *Australia Together***
natural environment under conditions of planetary heating.]	Renewable energy – electricity – from **Env06.01 through to Env06.01.06**
Air quality • Exposure to outdoor air pollution of PM2	Measured in *Australia Together* in: Air quality – **Env14.01**
Protected areas • Proportion of land and water areas dedicated to the long-term conservation of nature, its ecosystem and cultural values	Measured in *Australia Together* in: Proportion of land areas dedicated to long term conservation – **Env12.01** Proportion of marine areas dedicated to long term conservation – **Env15.02**
Biological diversity • Proportion of decline in Australia's threatened and near threatened species from the 'Threatened Species Index	Measured in *Australia Together* in: Fauna conservation and extinction prevention – **Env10.01** Flora conservation and extinction prevention – **Env10.01.01** Protection of threatened species – **Env10.02**
Resource use and waste generation • Waste generation per person • Proportion of waste recovered for reuse, recycling or energy	Measured in *Australia Together* in: Reduction of waste generation – **Env16.01** Increased recovery of waste for reuse – **Env16.01.01**
Sustainable – Resilient and sustainable nation	
Fiscal sustainability • All levels of government gross debt as a share of GDP	Not measured in *Australia Together*, nor will it be. Measurement of government gross debt is not a guide the wellbeing of the nation and is not likely to result in the generation of policies that protect and promote wellbeing. Use of gross government debt as an indicator of fiscal sustainability is highly problematic, especially if in placing a downward pressure on debt levels the government becomes inclined to reduce expenditure on services or impose austerity, making it highly likely that wellbeing will decline. If the government wishes to establish a fiscally responsible approach to economic management, it would be preferable to introduce long term national financial planning as per **Gov01.05** and **Econ04.02.02**.
Economic resilience • The Atlas of Economic Complexity's Economic Complexity Index (ECI)	Measured in *Australia Together* in: Economic composition and transformations – Comparative economic complexity – **Econ01.06.02**
Climate resilience • Australian Disaster Resilience Index	Not yet measured in *Australia Together* but may be added later if necessary for long term planning purposes.
Cohesive – having time for family and community	
Time for recreation and social interaction • Average time spent on recreation and leisure, and social and community interaction	Not yet measured in *Australia Together*. This is likely to be adopted as an indicator when trend data are available.
Social connections • Proportion of people who agreed with the statement 'I often feel very lonely' • Proportion of people who undertake voluntary work	Measured in *Australia Together* in: Building an inclusive society by community volunteering – **Soc03.02**
Creative and cultural engagement • Proportion of people who participated in at least one cultural activity • Proportion of people who attended at least one cultural venue or event	Not yet measured in *Australia Together* but may be added later if necessary for long term planning purposes.
Cohesive – Valuing diversity, belonging and culture	
Experience of discrimination • Proportion of people who experienced some form of discrimination in the previous 12 months	Measured in *Australia Together* in: Equality before the law – **Soc6.03**

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Measuring What Matters indicators	**Indicators measured in _Australia Together_**
	Attitudes to multiculturalism – experience of cultural and racial discrimination – Soc07.01.02
Acceptance of diversity • Proportion of people who used a language other than English at home • Proportion of people who agree or strongly agree accepting immigrants from many different countries makes Australia stronger	Measured in _Australia Together_ in: Belonging and inclusion – sense of acceptance or rejection – Soc03.01.01 Attitudes to multiculturalism – positive support by Australians – Soc07.01 Attitudes to multiculturalism – as a strength for Australia – Soc07.01.01 Attitudes to multiculturalism – experience of cultural and racial discrimination – Soc07.01.02
First Nations languages spoken • Number of First Nations people who speak a First Nations language at home	Measured in _Australia Together_ in: Indigenous language and cultural preservation – Soc02.14
Sense of belonging • Proportion of First Nations people who recognise an area as their homelands or traditional country • The Social Cohesion Index: Sense of belonging measure	Measured in _Australia Together_ in: Belonging and inclusion – sense of belonging – Soc03.01
Cohesive – Trust in institutions	
Trust in others • Proportion of people who report having general trust in others	Measured in _Australia Together_ in: Perceptions of safety and trust in the community – Soc01.07.01
Trust in key institutions • Proportion of people who report having trust in healthcare system • Proportion of people who have trust in police	Measured in _Australia Together_ in: Health system sustainability and universality – trust in the health care system – Soc04.10.01 Trust in federal police – Soc14.01 Trust in state police – Soc14.02 Trust in police nation-wide – Soc14.03
Trust in Australian public services • Proportion of people who trust in Australian public services	Measured in _Australia Together_ in: Trust in the public service – Gov07.01
Trust in national government • Proportion of the population that express confidence in the national government **[ACFP note:** Measuring "confidence" in the government is not a measure of "trust" in the government.**]**	Measured in _Australia Together_ in: Trust in federal parliaments – Gov05.01 Trust in state and territory parliaments – Gov05.01.01 Trust in elected local governments (councils) – Gov05.01.02 Trust in federal governments – Gov05.01.03 Trust in state and territory governments – Gov05.01.04 Trust in leaders' conduct – parliamentarians – Gov06.02 Trust in leaders' conduct – executive governments – Gov06.02.01
Representation in parliament • Proportion of Federal Australian Parliamentarians who are women	Measured in _Australia Together_ in: Women in power and leadership – federal parliament – Soc08.01
Prosperous – Dynamic economy that shares prosperity **[ACFP note:** This theme is for a "dynamic economy that shares prosperity" but notably not fairly. This is a key difference between the MWM and _Australia Together_.**]**	
National income per capita • Real Net National Disposable Income (RNNDI) per capita **[ACFP note:** Measures of averages (per capita) shed little light on wellbeing. The distribution of national income is more important in monitoring wellbeing in a fair society.**]**	Measured in _Australia Together_ in: Distribution of growth in income & wealth – growth in wages (hourly rates of pay) relative to growth in GDP Econ03.02.01 Distribution of national wealth – corporations versus wage earners Econ03.01.02
Productivity	Measured in _Australia Together_ in:

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- The current 20-year average labour productivity growth compared to the 20-year average growth 10 years earlier

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Productivity growth – **Econ01.01.01**

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Household income and wealth
- Median equivalised weekly disposable household income
- Net worth per household

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Measured in *Australia Together* in:
Distribution of growth in income & wealth – household disposable income – **Econ03.02.02**
Distribution of growth in income & wealth – earnings for welfare workers – **Econ03.02.04**
Distribution of growth in income & wealth – net worth of households – **Econ03.02.03**

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Income and wealth inequality
- Gini coefficient for income and wealth

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Measured in *Australia Together* in:
Income inequality – **Econ03.01**
Wealth inequality – **Econ03.01.01**

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Innovation
- Number of patent and trademark applications in Australia (made by both domestic and overseas applicants)

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Not yet measured in *Australia Together*. However, R&D is measured in:
Research and Development Expenditure – Increasing public and private investment in R&D – **Econ07.01**

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Childhood development
- Proportion of children who are developmentally on track in all five domains of the Australian Early Development Census

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Measured in *Australia Together* in:
Indigenous pre-school education – developmentally on track – **Soc02.04.02**
Pre-school education – early development performance – **Soc05.03**

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Literacy and numeracy skills at school
- Average Year 3 NAPLAN scores for literacy and numeracy

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Measured in *Australia Together* in:
School education – educational attainment (PISA scores) – **Soc05.02.03**

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Education attainment
- Proportion of people aged 20–24 with Year 12 or equivalent
- Proportion of people aged 25–34 with a qualification at Certificate III level or above

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Measured in *Australia Together* in:
Indigenous school education – **Soc02.05**
School education – years of attendance – **Soc05.02.02**
School education – educational attainment (Year 12) – **Soc05.02.04**
Tertiary education attainment – Certificate qualifications – **Soc05.01.06**

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Skills development
- The share of adults (aged 15 to 74) who in the previous 12 months, participated in:
  - formal study which led to a qualification recognised by the Australian Qualifications Framework, and
  - non-formal learning (structured training or courses) that did not lead to a formal qualification

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Not yet measured in *Australia Together* but may be added later if necessary for long term planning purposes.

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Digital preparedness
- An aggregate score of digital inclusion based on access, affordability and digital ability

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Wages
- Growth in the wage price index adjusted for inflation, as measured by the consumer price index

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Not measured in *Australia Together*. This indicator is not useful for long term national financial planning purposes. Nor does it provide a fair and direct measure of a government's performance in relation to economic management (eg., growth in inflation and hence drops in real wages can be caused by matters well beyond the control of a government.)

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Job opportunities
- Unemployment rate
- Long term unemployment rate
- Underutilisation rate (hours-based)

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Measured in *Australia Together* in:
Underemployment – **Econ02.02**
Underutilisation of the labour force – **Econ02.02.01**
Duration of unemployment – **Econ02.03**

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Table 2 — How are the indicators in the Australian government's Measuring What Matters wellbeing framework aligned with the indicators in the *Australia Together* National Wellbeing Index?	
Measuring What Matters indicators	**Indicators measured in *Australia Together***
Broadening access to work • Employment rate, population aged 15–64 • Participation rate, population aged 15–64 • Gender pay gap	Measured in *Australia Together* in: Employment – Participation – **Econ02.01** Employment – Participation rate of 15-64 year-olds – **Econ02.01.01** Gender equality – economic gap – **Soc06.01** Gender equality in income and wealth – cash earnings – **Soc06.02** Gender equality in income and wealth – superannuation balances – **Soc06.02.01**
Job satisfaction • Self-reported measure of how workers perceive their job	Not yet measured in *Australia Together* but may be added later if necessary for long term planning purposes.
Secure jobs • The proportion of employed people who expect to not remain in the same job in 12 months' time due to involuntary reasons • The proportion of employees that had irregular working arrangements • The proportion of employees that did not have access to paid leave entitlements	Measured in *Australia Together* in: Permanence and casualisation of employment – **Econ02.03.01** Permanence and casualisation of employment – access to paid leave entitlements – **Econ02.03.02**

6. Does Measuring What Matters measure what matters?

In *Australia Together*, what has been deemed to matter for the purpose of making the Vision of the plan a reality is wider than what has been deemed to matter in the MWM framework. For instance, in measuring improvement or deterioration in living standards *Australia Together* focuses much more than MWM on equity and fair collection and distribution of national income and wealth. But the best indication of whether the MWM framework measures what matters can be gained by looking at what it does not measure. **Table 3** provides a list of the indicators in *Australia Together* that use quantitative data (that is, the targets not the strategies), and records which of these indicators are measured in the MWM framework and which are not. Broad conclusions are that the Measuring What Matters framework does not seek to monitor:

- poverty or hunger;
- heating on the continent or the planet (it does measure reduction of emissions but not with a view to stopping heating – in other words, there is no carbon budget);
- growth of renewable fuels used outside the electricity systems (eg., in transport);
- strength of or participation in democracy; and
- improvement in international cooperation.

If Australians deem these things to matter, then the fact that they are not measured in the MWM framework would imply that MWM fails to monitor changes in some things that are quite important or very important to our future wellbeing and security.

Treasury has stated that the MWM indicators are in addition to other indicators such as those in Closing the Gap and therefore are not intended to cover everything that "matters". But if the MWM framework is to be useful for the purposes stated by the Treasurer it is recommended that on the transfer of the Dashboard to the Australian Bureau of Statistics consideration is given to:

- connecting the MWM Dashboard to other measurement programs and providing linkages to their datasets, including in particular the dataset in the *Australia Together* National Wellbeing Index; and
- re-establishing some monitoring platforms which have been shut down including Australia's reporting platform on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.[1]

Table 3 Targets measured in the *Australia Together* National Wellbeing Index compared to indicators chosen in the Measuring What Matters wellbeing framework				
Targets measured in *Australia Together*			**Measured or not measured in Measuring What Matters?**	
Area	**Map ref.**	**Target**	**Measured**	**Not Measured**
Economic planning, growth & transition	Econ01.01	Sustainability of growth and development		1
Economic planning, growth & transition	Econ01.01.01	Productivity growth	1	
Economic planning, growth & transition	Econ01.02	Private investment for economic growth		1
Economic planning, growth & transition	Econ01.03	GDP growth		1
Economic planning, growth & transition	Econ01.03.01	GDP growth per capita		1
Economic planning, growth & transition	Econ01.03.02	Population growth		1
Economic planning, growth & transition	Econ01.05	Economic composition and transformations - Services sector expansion		1
Economic planning, growth & transition	Econ01.06.02	Economic composition and transformations – Comparative economic complexity	1	
Employment planning, industrial reform & economic transition	Econ02.01	Employment - Participation		1
Employment planning, industrial reform & economic transition	Econ02.01.01	Employment – Participation rate of 15-64 year-olds	1	
Employment planning, industrial reform & economic transition	Econ02.02	Underemployment		1
Employment planning, industrial reform & economic transition	Econ02.02.01	Underutilisation of the labour force	1	
Employment planning, industrial reform & economic transition	Econ02.03	Duration of unemployment		1
Employment planning, industrial reform & economic transition	Econ02.03.01	Permanence and casualisation of employment		1
Employment planning, industrial reform & economic transition	Econ02.03.02	Permanence and casualisation of employment – access to paid leave entitlements	1	
Equitable improvement in living standards	Econ03.01	Income inequality	1	
Equitable improvement in living standards	Econ03.01.01	Wealth inequality	1	
Equitable improvement in living standards	Econ03.01.02	Distribution of national wealth – corporations versus wage earners		1
Equitable improvement in living standards	Econ03.02	Distribution of growth in income & wealth - wages growth relative to growth in company profits		1

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[1] In March 2024, Australian Government Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) posted a notification of the shutdown of Australia's Reporting Platform on the Sustainable Development Goals, citing unsupported software problems. They stated that "The Australian Government remains committed to the 2030 Agenda and its SDGs. Alternative options for managing Australia's national SDGs data and reporting are currently being explored."

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Targets measured in *Australia Together*			Measured or not measured in Measuring What Matters?	
Area	Map ref.	Target	Measured	Not Measured
Equitable improvement in living standards	Econ03.02.01	Distribution of growth in income & wealth - growth in wages (hourly rates of pay) relative to growth in GDP		1
Equitable improvement in living standards	Econ03.02.02	Distribution of growth in income & wealth - household disposable income		1
Equitable improvement in living standards	Econ03.02.03	Distribution of growth in income & wealth - net worth of households		1
Equitable improvement in living standards	Econ03.02.04	Distribution of growth in income & wealth - earnings for welfare workers		1
Equitable improvement in living standards	Econ03.03	Elimination of poverty		1
Equitable improvement in living standards	Econ03.03.01	Elimination of poverty - children		1
Equitable improvement in living standards	Econ03.03.02	Elimination of poverty - young people		1
Equitable improvement in living standards	Econ03.04	Elimination of hunger		1
Equitable improvement in living standards	Econ03.05	Indebtedness - households		1
Equitable improvement in living standards	Econ03.06	Perceptions of economic opportunity		1
Equitable improvement in living standards	Econ03.06.01	Perceptions of economic (class) mobility		1
Equitable improvement in living standards	Econ03.07	Perceptions of quality of life - prospects for improvement	1	
Equitable improvement in living standards	Econ03.07.01	Perceptions of quality of life - prospects for decline	1	
Equitable improvement in living standards	Econ03.07.02	Perceptions of quality of life - current financial situation	1	
Equitable improvement in living standards	Econ03.08	Perceptions of long term economic/financial prospects - Intergenerational financial security		1
Equitable improvement in living standards	Econ03.08.01	Perceptions of long term economic/financial prospects - Australia's global economic performance		1
Environmental advocacy	Env01.02	Climate change performance - action, international cooperation and policy		1
Climate change prevention	Env02.01	Achievement of net zero carbon emissions within a carbon budget that will maximise chances of limiting global heating as near as possible to 1.5o Celsius		1
Climate change prevention	Env02.01.01	Carbon emissions reduction - Emissions reduction target for 2030	1	
Climate change prevention	Env02.01.02	Carbon emissions reduction - Achievement of net zero emissions by 2033 within the carbon budget		1
Climate change prevention	Env02.01.03	Planetary heating – Limitation of global temperature rise		1
Climate change prevention	Env02.01.04	Planetary heating – Limitation of annual mean temperature rises in Australia		1
Energy	Env06.01	Renewable energy - electricity	1	
Energy	Env06.01.01	Renewable energy - vehicles		1
Energy	Env06.01.02	Renewable energy - road transport systems services and fleets		1
Energy	Env06.01.03	Renewable energy - manufacturing and agriculture		1
Energy	Env06.01.04	Renewable energy - industry and construction		1

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Targets measured in _Australia Together_			**Measured or not measured in Measuring What Matters?**	
Area	**Map ref.**	**Target**	**Measured**	**Not Measured**
Energy	Env06.01.05	Renewable energy - air and sea transport		1
Energy	Env06.01.06	Renewable energy – buildings		1
Biodiversity	Env10.01	Fauna conservation and extinction prevention		1
Biodiversity	Env10.01.01	Flora conservation and extinction prevention		1
Biodiversity	Env10.02	Protection of threatened species	1	
Land & resource conservation	Env12.01	Proportion of land areas dedicated to long term conservation	1	
Air & water quality	Env14.01	Air quality	1	
Marine protection	Env15.02	Proportion of marine areas dedicated to long term conservation	1	
Waste reduction & recycling	Env16.01	Reduction of waste generation	1	
Waste reduction & recycling	Env16.01.01	Increased recovery of waste for reuse	1	
Strength of democracy	Gov01.01	Consistency of legislative programs with the Vision for _Australia Together_		1
Strength of democracy	Gov01.01.01	Strength of democracy		1
Strength of democracy	Gov01.02	Satisfaction with democracy		1
Strength of democracy	Gov01.02.01	Satisfaction with Australia's system of government		1
Strength of democracy	Gov01.03	Participation in democracy - participation and social justice		1
Strength of democracy	Gov01.03.01	Participation in democracy - voter turnout		1
Strength of democracy	Gov01.03.02	Participation in democracy - ability to have a say		1
Strength of democracy	Gov01.03.03	Cohesion and stability of democracy		1
National values & identity	Gov02.01	Pride in Australian culture		1
National values & identity	Gov02.02	Satisfaction with national direction		1
National values & identity	Gov02.03	Support for the Vision and Directions of _Australia Together_ - support for the Vision elements		1
National values & identity	Gov02.03.01	Support for the Vision and Directions of _Australia Together_ - support for the Directions		1
Human & other rights	Gov03.03	Maintenance of political rights and civil liberties		1
Human & other rights	Gov03.03.01	Australia's performance on observing and maintaining human rights – civil, political, economic and social		1
Transparency, openness & accountability	Gov05.01	Trust in federal parliaments		1
Transparency, openness & accountability	Gov05.01.01	Trust in state and territory parliaments		1
Transparency, openness & accountability	Gov05.01.02	Trust in elected local governments (councils)		1
Transparency, openness & accountability	Gov05.01.03	Trust in federal governments	1	
Transparency, openness & accountability	Gov05.01.04	Trust in state and territory governments		1
Government ethics	Gov06.01	Perceptions of corruption		1
Government ethics	Gov06.02	Trust in leaders' conduct - parliamentarians		1

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Targets measured in *Australia Together*			**Measured or not measured in Measuring What Matters?**	
Area	**Map ref.**	**Target**	**Measured**	**Not Measured**
Government ethics	Gov06.02.01	Trust in leaders' conduct - executive governments		1
Public service independence & excellence	Gov07.01	Trust in the public service	1	
Public service independence & excellence	Gov07.02	Satisfaction with the public service - federal and state		1
Public service independence & excellence	Gov07.02.01	Satisfaction with the public service - Commonwealth		1
Corporate & NGO responsibility	Gov09.01	Trust in NGOs		1
Corporate & NGO responsibility	Gov09.01.01	Trust in private institutions and public institutions		1
Corporate & NGO responsibility	Gov09.02	Trust in corporates		1
Corporate & NGO responsibility	Gov09.02.01	Trust in corporates – perceptions of corporate versus worker power balance		1
Free communications policy & regulation	Gov10.01	Trust in the media		1
International participation & global justice	Gov11.01	Participation in international cooperative forums		1
International participation & global justice	Gov11.02	International cooperation for global sustainability		1
Peace & security	Gov12.01	Australian involvement in military operations		1
Peace & security	Gov12.01.01	Australian preference for peace versus war		1
Peace & security	Gov12.01.02	Australian preference and readiness for an independent defence capability versus dependence on the US alliance		1
Humanitarian effort	Gov13.01	Foreign aid		1
Safety	Soc01.01	Safety in the home	1	
Safety	Soc01.02	Safety on transport	1	
Safety	Soc01.02.01	Safety online	1	
Safety	Soc01.03	Homicide		1
Safety	Soc01.04	Sexual assault		1
Safety	Soc01.05	Child assault	1	
Safety	Soc01.06	Road deaths		1
Safety	Soc01.07	Victims of crime (fear of becoming a victim)		1
Safety	Soc01.07.01	Perceptions of safety and trust in the community	1	
Safety	Soc01.08	Safety in the context of world events and national security	1	
Indigenous heart	Soc02.02	Indigenous life expectancy		1
Indigenous heart	Soc02.03	Indigenous infant health and survival - child mortality		1
Indigenous heart	Soc02.03.01	Indigenous infant health and survival - birthweight		1
Indigenous heart	Soc02.03.02	Indigenous infant health and survival - birthweight (ACFP additional target)		1
Indigenous heart	Soc02.04	Indigenous pre-school education - attendance		1
Indigenous heart	Soc02.04.01	Indigenous pre-school education - enrolment		1
Indigenous heart	Soc02.04.02	Indigenous pre-school education - developmentally on track		1

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Targets measured in *Australia Together*			**Measured or not measured in Measuring What Matters?**	
Area	**Map ref.**	**Target**	**Measured**	**Not Measured**
Indigenous heart	Soc02.05	Indigenous school education		1
Indigenous heart	Soc02.06	Indigenous tertiary education		1
Indigenous heart	Soc02.07	Indigenous employment - 15-24 year olds		1
Indigenous heart	Soc02.07.01	Indigenous employment - 15-24 year olds (ACFP additional target)		1
Indigenous heart	Soc02.07.02	Indigenous employment - 25-64 year olds		1
Indigenous heart	Soc02.07.03	Indigenous employment - 25-64 year olds (ACFP additional target)		1
Indigenous heart	Soc02.08	Indigenous housing		1
Indigenous heart	Soc02.08.01	Indigenous housing (ACFP additional target)		1
Indigenous heart	Soc02.09	Indigenous incarceration - adults		1
Indigenous heart	Soc02.09.01	Indigenous incarceration - adults (ACFP additional target)		1
Indigenous heart	Soc02.09.02	Indigenous incarceration - 10-17 year olds		1
Indigenous heart	Soc02.09.03	Indigenous incarceration - 10-17 year olds (ACFP additional target)		1
Indigenous heart	Soc02.10	Indigenous family cohesion		1
Indigenous heart	Soc02.10.01	Indigenous family cohesion (ACFP additional target)		1
Indigenous heart	Soc02.11	Indigenous domestic and community abuse and violence		1
Indigenous heart	Soc02.12	Indigenous suicide		1
Indigenous heart	Soc02.13	Indigenous land and sea rights - land rights		1
Indigenous heart	Soc02.13.01	Indigenous land and sea rights - sea rights		1
Indigenous heart	Soc02.14	Indigenous language and cultural preservation	1	
Belonging & Inclusion	Soc03.01	Belonging and inclusion - sense of belonging	1	
Belonging & Inclusion	Soc03.01.01	Belonging and inclusion - sense of acceptance or rejection	1	
Belonging & Inclusion	Soc03.02	Building an inclusive society by community volunteering	1	
Health & wellbeing	Soc04.01	Life expectancy - males	1	
Health & wellbeing	Soc04.01.01	Life expectancy - females	1	
Health & wellbeing	Soc04.01.02	Life expectancy – health adjusted – males	1	
Health & wellbeing	Soc04.01.03	Life expectancy – health adjusted – females	1	
Health & wellbeing	Soc04.02	Perceptions of health	1	
Health & wellbeing	Soc04.03	Mental health – experience of psychological distress	1	
Health & wellbeing	Soc04.03.01	Mental health – mental and behavioural conditions		1
Health & wellbeing	Soc04.03.02	Mental health – anxiety		1
Health & wellbeing	Soc04.03.03	Mental health – depression		1
Health & wellbeing	Soc04.04	Burden of disease		1
Health & wellbeing	Soc04.05	Physical health - obesity		1

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Area	**Map ref.**	**Target**	**Measured**	**Not Measured**	
Health & wellbeing	Soc04.05.01	Physical health - diabetes		1	
Health & wellbeing	Soc04.05.02	Physical health - cardiovascular disease		1	
Health & wellbeing	Soc04.05.03	Physical health - cancer		1	
Health & wellbeing	Soc04.05.04	Physical health - musculoskeletal conditions		1	
Health & wellbeing	Soc04.05.05	Physical health - respiratory conditions		1	
Health & wellbeing	Soc04.05.06	Physical health – chronic conditions	1		
Health & wellbeing	Soc04.06	Happiness and wellbeing – world ranking		1	
Health & wellbeing	Soc04.06.01	Happiness and wellbeing – reported by Australians		1	
Health & wellbeing	Soc04.06.02	Happiness and wellbeing - optimism/pessimism		1	
Health & wellbeing	Soc04.06.03	Happiness and wellbeing – life satisfaction for the youngest to oldest generations	1		
Health & wellbeing	Soc04.06.04	Happiness and wellbeing – life satisfaction for diverse elements of the community	1		
Health & wellbeing	Soc04.08	Health equity - teenage birth rates		1	
Health & wellbeing	Soc04.09.01	Health services accessibility – cost barriers	1		
Health & wellbeing	Soc04.09.02	Health services accessibility – waiting times	1		
Health & wellbeing	Soc04.10.01	Health system sustainability and universality – trust in the health care system	1		
Education	Soc05.01.05	Tertiary education attainment – degree qualifications		1	
Education	Soc05.01.06	Tertiary education attainment – Certificate qualifications	1		
Education	Soc05.02.02	School education - years of attendance		1	
Education	Soc05.02.03	School education - educational attainment		1	
Education	Soc05.02.04	School education – educational attainment (Year 12)	1		
Education	Soc05.03	Pre-school education - early development performance	1		
Equality	Soc06.01	Gender equality - economic gap		1	
Equality	Soc06.02	Gender equality in income and wealth - cash earnings	1		
Equality	Soc06.02.01	Gender equality in income and wealth - superannuation balances		1	
Equality	Soc06.03	Equality before the law		1	
Diversity	Soc07.01	Attitudes to multiculturalism - positive support by Australians		1	
Diversity	Soc07.01.01	Attitudes to multiculturalism - as a strength for Australia		1	
Diversity	Soc07.01.02	Attitudes to multiculturalism - experience of cultural and racial discrimination	1		
Diversity	Soc07.02	Freedom from discrimination on religious grounds		1	
Women & LGBTIQ+	Soc08.01	Women in power and leadership - federal parliament	1		

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Targets measured in *Australia Together*			**Measured or not measured in Measuring What Matters?**	
Area	**Map ref.**	**Target**	**Measured**	**Not Measured**
Women & LGBTIQ+	Soc08.01.01	Women in power and leadership - CEO and board positions		1
Women & LGBTIQ+	Soc08.01.02	Women in power and leadership - managerial positions		1
Housing	Soc09.01	Homelessness	1	
Housing	Soc09.02	Housing affordability – ownership by younger generations		1
Housing	Soc09.02.01	Housing affordability – housing stress in all households	1	
Housing	Soc09.02.02	Housing affordability – housing stress in lower income households	1	
Housing	Soc09.02.03	Housing affordability – home ownership		1
Housing	Soc09.04	Housing supply – social and public housing waiting list		1
Family cohesion & community services	Soc10.01	Family and community – reliability of community support in time of need		1
Family cohesion & community services	Soc10.01.01	Family and community support – availability of support from outside-the-home sources		1
Family cohesion & community services	Soc10.02	Domestic abuse - violence	1	
Family cohesion & community services	Soc10.02.01	Domestic abuse - emotional		1
Family cohesion & community services	Soc10.02.02	Domestic abuse - homicide		1
Family cohesion & community services	Soc10.02.03	Domestic abuse - hospitalisation		1
Aged care & disability services	Soc12.01	Aged care package waiting times	1	
Aged care & disability services	Soc12.02	Aged care system performance monitoring – confidence in the aged care system		1
Aged care & disability services	Soc12.02.01	Aged care system performance monitoring – safety, quality and user experience indicators	1	
Aged care & disability services	Soc12.02.02	Aged care system performance monitoring – satisfaction with aged care assistance	1	
Aged care & disability services	Soc12.05	Disability services system performance monitoring – satisfaction with assistance to the disabled	1	
Aged care & disability services	Soc12.05.01	Disability services system performance monitoring – satisfaction with assistance to carers for people with a disability	1	
Police services	Soc14.01	Trust in federal police		1
Police services	Soc14.02	Trust in state police	1	
Police services	Soc14.03	Trust in police nation-wide	1	
Justice	Soc15.01	Trust in the High Court		1
Justice	Soc15.02	Trust in the justice system		1
Justice	Soc15.03	Justice in the incarceration system – target for reduction of the number of people in prison		1
Justice	Soc15.04	Access to justice – civil	1	
Justice	Soc15.04.01	Access to justice – criminal		1
Total			**60**	**140**

Appendix A – The Vision for *Australia Together*

The Vision for *Australia Together* sets out the aspirations of Australians for the future of their nation. It is a draft vision that has been assembled by ACFP by scanning the views of Australians on the best future they can imagine as those views have been expressed in various surveys and research programs over the last two decades. Read the latest draft of the Vision for *Australia Together* here.

Find more about where the draft Vision has come from here or at https://austcfp.com.au/australia-together#currentvision.

The Vision for *Australia Together* is the result of ongoing drafting. It is subject to change as Australians and their circumstances change. Comments are always welcome on any changes that may be necessary. Surveys are always open here.

Click here to comment on the Vision and Directions for *Australia Together*

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The Vision for *Australia Together* is comprised of:

- a high level one-page Vision statement (pictured at right) containing 17 statements about the aspirations that Australians have expressed for the quality of life they wish to be able to lead by 2050; and
- 57 Direction statements of the preferred and safe routes toward that Vision.

Read the full Vision and Directions here. The 17 elements of the one-page Vision are as follows:

By 2050, we and our children and grandchildren will be living a fulfilling life in an Australia where:

1. We are all safe
2. We have achieved a lasting reconciliation between First Nations peoples and non-Indigenous Australians, based on our shared values of justice and self-determination
3. Everyone is welcome to participate positively in community life
4. We are inspired and able to renew our physical and spiritual wellbeing
5. We act together as a compassionate society
6. Equality is valued as enriching human community, cultural harmony and social progress
7. Diversity is positively appreciated as the basis for a successful Australian society
8. Everyone can realise their full potential in life, as individuals, members of a family and citizens through unlimited opportunities in education and employment of choice
9. Vital services are fully accessible for all
10. Scarce resources are conserved and fairly shared
11. National wealth is fairly raised and fairly shared
12. Our economy is sustainable and supports rewarding opportunities and continuous improvements in living standards, wellbeing and security for everyone

13. As a nation we have the courage to take a leading place in achieving the environmental aims of a global society
14. Stewardship of ecology is affirmed as fundamental to planetary and human survival
15. Democracy is assured by a well informed and engaged community of political equals
16. We can confidently trust our parliaments, governments, and courts to act fairly and justly in accordance with the rights and interests of the public and future generations
17. We take pride in Australia as a responsible international citizen, active in building a safe, peaceful and united world

ACFP is always scanning information about Australian values and preferences for the future to keep the **Vision for *Australia Together*** up to date. Significant new research on Australian values is available in a book by ACFP's Founder Bronwyn Kelly, *The People's Constitution: the path to empowerment of Australians in a 21st century democracy*.

- Read **The People's Constitution** here.
- Read about how the Vision for *Australia Together* is aligned with the values of Australians here.

Read the latest draft of *Australia Together*

https://www.austcfp.com.au/australia-together

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