



Australian Community Futures Planning Newsletter No. 6

We have it in our power to create the world anew

## ACFP was set up in March 2020.

Our purpose is to give Australians an efficient means by which they can increase their shares of power and influence in their democracy, take more control of their future, and build the sort of country they want to leave to future generations.

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# December 2021 What's been happening at ACFP?

- We launched and submitted a petition to Scott Morrison demanding that Australia lead the world at COP26 to stop global heating.
- We launched our new video series:
   Snapshots from Australia
   Together
- Another 12 Targets and Strategies have been added to Australia Together
- Articles by ACFP's Founder continued to appear in the media.



### ACFP launches a new video series - Snapshots from Australia Together

In September 2021, ACFP launched the first episode of a new video series, **Snapshots from Australia Together**.

In this series we are showcasing selections of strategies and policies that can establish Australia's future as a prosperous nation offering safety, wellbeing and security to everyone.

**In Episode 1**, we put forward an integrated plan for fixing climate change.

**In Episode 2**, we featured key strategies for an equitable recovery from the pandemic recession and for establishing a new resilient economy for Australia.

<u>Click here</u> or on the Episode Guide at right for the new video series, <u>Snapshots from Australia Together</u>.

On launching the new video series, ACFP Founder Bronwyn Kelly said that,

- 66 Australia Together is developing into a big, ambitious, well-integrated plan with hundreds of targets and strategies, all of which work together to help us make the Vision for Australia Together a reality. Snapshots from Australia Together draws from these strategies and shows how they link together to form safe paths towards the Vision —
  - safe paths through climate change, and
  - safe paths through transition to a new economy.

Next year. ACFP will develop more episodes showcasing other sets of integrated strategies, beginning with strategies for strengthening democracy and accountability in government.

### Coming soon – The nation's first End of Term Report

Preparatory to the federal election, ACFP is now preparing to produce the nation's first **End of Term Report** on Australia's progress towards or away from the <u>Vision for Australia Together</u>.

Watch out for the **End of Term Report** in early 2022.







#### ACFP's petition to Scott Morrison on climate change leadership

In September, ACFP launched a petition to Scott Morrison demanding that Australia lead the world at COP26 to stop global heating. Thank you to everyone who followed our newsletters on the petition and signed it.

Strategies in <u>Australia Together</u> for climate change pursue a very simple goal – to stop global heating before it's too late. Consistent with that goal, ACFP's petition sought to promote how urgent it is for the world to adopt a carbon budget and work out how to fairly share what is left of the carbon we can still emit to the atmosphere before we lock in catastrophic global heating.

More than 170 people signed the petition before it was submitted to the Prime Minister in time for his departure for COP26. The petition was submitted with an <a href="Open Letter">Open Letter</a> reminding the Prime Minister that

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although the Coalition government had not done anything since 2013 that could be said to have benefitted Australia in net positive terms, there was still time to show great leadership on what is the biggest issue we will face as a nation going forward – climate change.

The Prime Minister did not reply. Nor did he show decent leadership at COP26. Instead he paid no more than lip service to the Paris Agreement, to which Australia is a signatory. Two stand-out leadership failures were:

- 1. Australia refused to join the global pledge led by the US and EU to cut methane emissions.
- 2. While Australia signed an agreement requesting countries to return next year and fulfil their commitments under the Paris Agreement to increase emission reduction targets for 2030, the Coalition government repudiated that almost immediately, stating that it would refuse to strengthen our 2030 target for emissions reduction beyond the current target of 26-28% below 2005 levels.

Australia's reputation as a decent, trustworthy and cooperative global citizen has been in decline since 2017. But the speed with which the government walked away from the agreement it signed at COP26 marks a new low, bearing in mind how much is at stake for Australia. The current Australian government is simply not prepared to do its part to save the planet and the lives and livelihoods of millions of Australians.

Reporting on this, ACFP's Founder Bronwyn Kelly published several articles on solutions for climate change in the lead up to COP26.

Read all the articles here or click on the picture to the right to read about a really effective integrated plan to stop climate change. See the plan to fix climate change here.



### What's new in Targets and Strategies for Australia Together?

ACFP has now launched <u>Issue No. 4</u> of *Australia Together*. It contains another 12 Targets and Strategies to help make the Vision a reality by 2050 or sooner, bringing the total to over 230. The new Targets and Strategies include:

- A Strategy of community engagement on introduction of a social wage – Econ02.04.02;
- Other Targets and Strategies to encourage fairer sharing of the burden of raising national wealth and equitable distribution of national wealth, including:
  - a Target for fairer sharing of national income between corporations and wage earners – Econ03.01.02,
  - Targets for improved perceptions about class mobility and long term economic/financial prospects/security – Econ03.06.01, Econ03.08, and Econ03.08.01,
  - a Target for reduced casualisation of the Australian workforce –
     Econ02.03.01.
  - a Target for optimism by Australians about their future "overall" Soc04.06.02, and
  - Strategies for the introduction of:
    - a corporate super profits tax Econ04.04.02, and
    - a corporate cash flow tax to replace the current corporate income tax – Econ04.04.01;
- Targets and Strategies for **electoral reform** including for:
  - Strategies for:
    - abolition of corporate and trade union donations to political parties and candidates – Gov08.02.01,
    - new taxpayer funded election campaign systems to replace the current donations system, including a trial of a voucher system for donations to be made by all electors – Gov08.02.01; and
  - a Target for improved perceptions of the fairness of the power balance between corporates and workers – Gov09.02.01.
- A target for improvement in Australia's rankings on the International Climate Change Performance Index – Env01.02.

#### **ACFP** media articles

Click <u>here</u> or on the picture to read the latest articles from ACFP.

### ACFP sends its best wishes for a great 2022

ACFP has been made possible by the generous involvement of the Founder's family. Dr David Kelly is the Executive Director and leads editorial and production work. Seanie Kelly has also now joined the team as a data analyst and public health strategist. We look forward to working with Australians in 2022 to build a better *Australia Together*.

All the Kellys send sincere thanks to subscribers and our very best wishes for a peaceful Christmas season and new year. For those who have been missing their families during Covid, we send this little musical message.

New Targets and Strategies in Issue No. 4 of Australia Together

are largely about transformations of our economy, the way we raise and share national wealth,

and mitigating the impact of corporate greed and influence in elections.





