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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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What's been happening at ACFP?

- We have released a new two-part video series summarising the findings of Australia's first End of Term Report on the state of the nation: *The State of Australia 2022*
- Articles by ACFP's Founder continued to appear in the media.
- Some music for peace and hope before the upcoming federal election.

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*Are we making our
Vision for a better
Australia a reality?*

Find out in ACFP's [new video series](#):

**The State of Australia
2022**



ACFP launches new video series on The State of Australia 2022

In March 2022, ACFP released a major report on Australia's wellbeing, security and preparedness for the future at the end of the term of office of the 46th parliament of Australia:

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The State of Australia 2022

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Now we have released a new two-part video series summarising the findings of this major report.



Part 1 runs for 45 minutes
The focus here is on **the state of Australia's economy**. The finding is that Australians are definitely not progressing towards the sort of economy they want, due to the failure of neoliberal economic policies that have prevailed in Australia since the Global Financial Crisis of 2008. Australians are moving towards the polar opposite of their preferred economy. Click [here](#) or on the picture below to watch.

Part 2 runs for 40 minutes.
The focus here is on **the impact of policies for women, gender diverse Australians, the natural environment, climate change, corruption, and foreign relations on our wellbeing and security as a nation**. The results are not good. They show Australia is a nation in decline. But **Part 2 also discusses Australia's strengths** and how we can use those to reverse the trend of decline. Click [here](#) or on the picture below to watch.



Or if you prefer, you can read the full transcripts of the videos and see the graphics by clicking [here](#) or on the pictures to the right.

[Click here for the PDF transcript of](#)
The State of Australia 2022
Part 1



[Click here for the PDF transcript of](#)
The State of Australia 2022
Part 2



ACFP media articles

It's federal election time and we might expect there to be little attention given to facts, let alone to debate about things that really matter to Australians and future generations.

To help see through the lies, ACFP has produced [The State of Australia 2022](#). This [article](#) by Bronwyn Kelly published in Pearls and Irritations shows how the government has attempted to distort the facts and interfere in at least one major independent source of information about our social cohesion, the Scanlon Index.

Australians need the truth about our current health, wellbeing and security as a nation and our preparedness for the future. They are not getting the truth from the Morrison government.

The State of Australia 2022 provides vast evidence that the policies that have prevailed under the Abbott-Turnbull-Morrison governments have not worked to deliver a better Australia. We are not travelling to our preferred destination of wellbeing and security. We are travelling towards its polar opposite.

But it doesn't have to be that way. We have strengths as a nation that we can and must capitalise on. We can do that with the help of [an integrated planning process](#) that anyone and everyone can get involved in. This is why ACFP has developed the tools of National Integrated Planning & Reporting.

Peace and hope before the federal election

With all the war mongering we are seeing in Canberra and the khaki election we are being subjected to, perhaps a few moments' peace and love will not go astray. ACFP's research for **The State of Australia 2022** shows that Australians want a nation assured of enduring peace, not enduring war. The report also suggests we can still build that decent, safe, peaceful nation. Our choices in the upcoming federal election will be crucial. This election is a make or break one for Australia.

The Kellys hope this interlude will provide some peace and hope while the nation waits on tenterhooks for the outcome. [Check it out on YouTube](#): vocals and instrumentals by Bronwyn and Sean Kelly.