



# Australian Community Futures Planning

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

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## MEDIA RELEASE

**Australian Community Futures Planning launches Australia's first community-driven national long term plan and wellbeing index –**

# *Australia Together*

Australian Community Futures Planning has released a starting draft of Australia's first national long term plan for a better quality of life by 2030, 2040, and 2050.

The plan is called ***Australia Together*** and incorporates targets and strategies to help ensure that all Australians arrive safely in 2050 with an acceptable degree of wellbeing and security. This first draft of the plan will be expanded during 2021.

***Australia Together*** is being built using a new planning and community engagement process developed by ACFP called **National Integrated Planning & Reporting** – or **National IP&R**. ACFP is using **National IP&R** to make it easy for Australians to become involved in building their own integrated plan for the nation's future and monitor progress towards or away from their Vision of the best future they can imagine. **National IP&R** creates a space for Australians to assemble their diverse voices so that they can improve communications with leaders, increase their control over their own destinies and increase their shares of power in their democracy.

ACFP has also developed a **National Wellbeing Index** which is being incorporated into ***Australia Together*** to help Australians understand the facts of our health and wellbeing as a society in 2020 along with the current condition of our environment, economy and democracy. The ***Australia Together National Wellbeing Index*** shows the starting points for the plan and helps Australians understand just how far we will need to travel, and how fast, to arrive safely in 2050.



ACFP's Founder, Dr Bronwyn Kelly, who has spearheaded the development of **National IP&R**, **Australia Together** and the **National Wellbeing Index**, said: "It's early days yet, but this new planning and community engagement system can create a far more efficient, less confusing and fully inclusive public square – one where Australians can increase their shares of power in our democracy and be far more effective in shaping and securing their future."

"It provides a way for people to form an assembly of diverse voices to make a coherent statement to leaders and politicians about what they want for the future, how we prefer to reach that future, and what paths we wish to avoid. It is a safe map to shared prosperity. The intention is to bring Australians together in all their diversity and then capitalise on that diversity."

"**National IP&R** and **Australia Together** are an antidote to the epidemic of powerlessness that has afflicted members of democratic societies in the 21<sup>st</sup> century," Dr Kelly said. "The benefits can be enormous if people take advantage of what is on offer in this new integrated and interactive planning system. We can use our democracy so much better with **Australia Together**."

ACFP was established in March 2020 after extensive research on the best way to connect Australians with a network of expertise to build Australia's first national, integrated, community-driven futures plan.

Watch the video of the [Launch of Australia Together](#).

View the [starting draft of Australia Together](#), incorporating the **National Wellbeing Index**.

Find out about ACFP at: <https://www.austcfp.com.au/>

Find out more about the [Community Engagement Program for Australia Together](#).

Find out more about [National Integrated Planning & Reporting](#).

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