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What's been happening at ACFP?

- We have launched the starting draft of Australia's first integrated national long term plan for a better society, environment, economy and democracy –

Australia Together

- We've opened up consultation on the *Vision for Australia Together*
- Articles by ACFP's Founder are appearing in the media.

Watch the video launch of
Australia Together

Watch the introduction to the
Vision for Australia Together

It's here – the starting draft of *Australia Together!*

After almost two years of research and planning, ACFP has launched a starting draft of Australia's first national community futures plan,

Australia Together.

What's included in this draft of *Australia Together*?

ACFP estimates that this draft is **around 30% complete**. The incomplete draft has been released to begin the process of helping people understand how the plan is structured and how they can become involved.

Even so, the plan already contains substantial essential planning information and strategies to help speed our progress towards making the Vision a reality.



Australia Together is being released as a series of drafts. It is a live planning space that any and all Australians can become involved in. The idea is to draw people in to refine it – like 'crowd writing', but within an organised framework that is flexible enough to help everyone build some confidence about their future.

The first issue of *Australia Together* contains

A draft
Vision for Australia Together
with 16 statements
describing the life we wish to be able to lead by 2050 or sooner

plus 57 draft Direction statements of the preferred routes toward the Vision

These are signposts of the safest routes toward the Vision

The first issue of *Australia Together* also contains
Data about starting points for over 180 features of our current health and wellbeing as a nation – including statistics about our current social cohesion, natural environment, economy and democracy.
This is the
Australia Together National Wellbeing Index.
The Index will soon expand to include more than 300 baseline data points, marking our health as a nation in the early 2020s.

The Australia Together National Wellbeing Index is a unique tool for measuring national wellbeing because it **combines baseline data on indicators of wellbeing with targets for real progress on the issues that are most important to Australians.**

Developed by ACFP, this Index doesn't just measure change from a baseline; it measures the nation's progress towards or away from our preferred targets and outcomes. It measures our success in what matters most to us.

Click [here](#) to see how the Index is developing in Chapters 5 to 8 of *Australia Together*

The first issue of *Australia Together* also contains

- ❖ Over 180 draft Targets
- ❖ Dozens of draft Strategies
- ❖ Over 20 Strategies addressing top priority issues



- ❖ Detailed explanation of how National Integrated Planning & Reporting works and how it can help Australians make their Vision a reality

Read about the benefits of National Integrated Planning & Reporting

National IP&R is new. But the benefits can be enormous for Australia.

The benefits of National IP&R

Helping Australians achieve a bigger share of power in their democracy

Creates a live space of planning, monitoring and open reporting



Australians can check whether we are moving towards or away from our preferred future

Australians can easily check a government's overall performance and fitness for office

Australians can plan how they will fund their future.



Click here to find out how National IP&R and *Australia Together* can help us improve our communications with elected leaders

Click here to read more about *National Integrated Planning*



Australia Together

includes an inspiring Vision for a better life for everyone and a practical means of making that Vision a reality.

Would you like to comment on the

Vision for Australia Together?

Click here to complete a short survey

Click here to read the *Vision & Directions for Australia Together*

Some Targets & Strategies emerging through long term planning in *Australia Together*



22 Top Priority Targets and Strategies have already been drafted into *Australia Together*. Click [here](#) to find them in Chapter 9.

In National Integrated Planning, the first step is to imagine a better Australia and then set Targets for making it a reality. *Australia Together* already contains over 180 Targets. Some of these are set simply to preserve the status quo because life is good already – or relatively good – in certain areas. Other Targets are more ambitious.

The most ambitious Targets tend to emerge from areas where life is nowhere near as good as it needs to be if the Vision is to become a reality. These Targets tend to result in quite ambitious Strategies. In *Australia Together* some very ambitious Strategies are already emerging to help us fix things that we know must be fixed sooner rather than later if we are to arrive safely in 2050 with an acceptable degree of wellbeing and security.

Read the detail behind these Targets and Strategies in Chapter 9 of *Australia Together*

Top Priority Targets & Strategies that have emerged so far:	
In our Society	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constitutional recognition of First Nations • Re-introduction of fee-free tertiary education • Reverse public school underfunding and private school overfunding • Universal access to free childcare • End domestic violence by restoring funding for shelters and support services enabling 100% of women threatened by domestic violence to escape to safety
In our Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Achievement of net zero carbon emissions within a carbon budget that will maximise chances of limiting global heating to 1.5° Celsius • Legislated program to increase GDP and returns to landholders and mitigate climate change by increasing native forestry cover and restoring degraded ecosystems
In our Economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National plan for full employment supported by a social wage • Establishment of an accord on wealth, welfare and wellbeing • Community engagement on national budget priorities • Establishment of the Community Australia Bank • Restoration of a fair and progressive taxation system • Increasing government sector participation in the economy by a program of expansion of public sector employment in health, welfare, education, housing, conservation and land care, renewable energy, buildings efficiency and transport • Revocation of policies restricting government sector participation in Australia's economy • Program for recovery of ownership and operation of government trading enterprises • National Competition Policy review • National Economic Transitions Commission
In our Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constitutional Convention • Binding code of ethics and conduct for federal parliamentarians • Federal independent commission against corruption • Royal Commission and community engagement to review national security legislation and its impact on key safeguards for Australia's democracy, including free speech, freedom of the press and transparency in government conduct • Independent regulation of compliance with a code of ethical conduct by publishers and social media • Development of a national regulatory framework for an ethical, democratic information market

Wondering why these Targets & Strategies are featuring in *Australia Together*?
 Short answer: because they fit with the Vision and Directions. See how they fit in Chapters 5 to 9 of *Australia Together*.

ACFP is featuring in the media

ACFP is starting to feature in the media with progressive independent news outlets picking up articles by the Founder, Dr Bronwyn Kelly. Click [here](#) or on the picture to read the latest.

