



**Australian Community
Futures Planning
Newsletter No. 15**

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've released Issue No. 7 of *Australia Together* – Australia's first long term plan *by the people for the people*.
- Issue No. 7 includes new Targets and Strategies which substantially enhance our capacity to make the Vision for *Australia Together* a reality by 2050 or sooner.
- Interest in national long term, community-driven integrated planning is increasing.
- ACFP articles and interviews continue to appear in the media.

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Launch of Issue No. 7 of *Australia Together*

A new issue of the starting draft of ***Australia Together*** has been released, the first review of the plan since July 2022.

Issue No. 7 of ***Australia Together*** contains:

- 6 new Targets, and
- 30 new Strategies.

It brings the total number of Indicators of the health of the nation that are being measured in *Australia Together* to 312.

The data set on which the plan is based – the ***Australia Together National Wellbeing Index*** – is the most comprehensive, publicly accessible, consolidated index of national wellbeing in the world. The Index and the plan are vital to the nation's capacity to safely transition to a better future. They position Australians to significantly increase their chances of a sustainable future of prosperity, wellbeing and security for all.

Issue No. 7 of *Australia Together* has been updated for the term of the 47th parliament of Australia. ACFP will measure the nation's progress towards or away from our preferred future at the end of the 47th parliament's term of office in 2025.

[Read Issue No. 7 of *Australia Together* here.](#)

What's new in *Australia Together*?

In Issue No. 7 there have been some changes to the draft Vision and Directions of the plan. The new draft includes:

- Minor changes to 9 of the 17 elements of the Vision;
- Minor changes to 5 of the 57 Directions;
- **6 new Targets – these are significant additions;**
- **30 new Strategies – these are significant additions;**
- data updates and content amendments in 40 Targets/Strategies; and
- amendments to Target deadline dates in 86 Targets/Strategies.

No Targets or Strategies in Issue Nos. 1 to 6 have been deleted in Issue No. 7. However, a number of updates and amendments have been required due to the federal government's and the 46th parliament's failure to meet targets or implement strategies in Issue Nos. 1 to 6. For a full report on the substantial failures of the 46th parliament [view the End of Term Report for the 46th Parliament here.](#)



***Australia Together* now monitors over 300 Indicators of our wellbeing, environmental health, economic strength and resilience, democratic health, international standing, national security, and our capacity for peace.**

It is not only the largest single assembly of factual data about the state of the nation; it is also the most potent source of integrated solutions for the serious challenges we are facing.

This plan has the capacity to do what governments are not doing. It has the capacity to save Australia from ecological and economic crises which will destroy our peace and prosperity.

Take a look at the new draft of the Vision for *Australia Together*

Some subtle changes have been made to the draft *Vision and Directions for Australia Together*. These are the result of research about the values of Australians undertaken by ACFP's Founder Bronwyn Kelly while writing her latest book, *The People's Constitution: the path to empowerment of Australians in a 21st century democracy*. This new draft doesn't reflect a change in preferred direction by Australians because the research hasn't shown that there has been any change. But you might say "there are more brushstrokes on the painting." The new draft conveys a strengthening of a pre-existing preference for a fairer, inclusive and peaceful Australia that is confident that its parliaments can be trusted to act always for the public good.

If this draft of the Vision describes the country you wish to live in, let us know by email at info@austcfp.com.au

Click [here](#) to read the full *Vision and Directions for Australia Together*

The Vision for *Australia Together*

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



We are safe

We have achieved a lasting reconciliation between First Nations peoples and non-Indigenous Australians, based on our shared values of justice and self-determination

Everyone is welcome to participate positively in community life

We are inspired and able to renew our physical and spiritual wellbeing

We act together as a compassionate society

Equality is valued as enriching human community, cultural harmony and social progress

Diversity is positively appreciated as a basis for a successful society

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

Vital services are fully accessible

Scarce resources are conserved and fairly shared

National wealth is fairly shared

Our economy is sustainable and supports rewarding opportunities and continuous improvements in living standards for everyone

As a nation we have the courage to take a leading place in achieving the environmental aims of a global society

Stewardship of ecology is affirmed as fundamental to planetary and human survival

Strong democracy is assured by a well informed and engaged community

We are confident our leaders will reflect thoughtfully on our views and best interests when making decisions for our future

We take pride in Australia as a responsible international citizen, active in building a safer, more peaceful and united world

These are the aspirations of our hopeful generation. We commit to this Vision for *Australia Together* so that we can pass the gifts we have inherited to our children, and they to theirs.

New Targets and Strategies in *Australia Together*

***Australia Together* gives Australians a map through time to a better future.** Every Target and Strategy has a map reference number. Use these or key word searches to find the Targets and Strategies of interest to you.

Issue No. 7 of <i>Australia Together</i> includes:	Map references
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ a range of new Targets and Strategies designed to fix Australia’s housing crisis in an economically and environmentally sustainable way; 	<p>Soc09.01.01, Soc09.02.01, Soc09.02.03, Soc09.03, Soc09.04, Soc09.04.01, Soc09.04.02, Soc09.04.03, Soc09.04.04, Soc09.04.05</p> <p>Env07.01, Env07.01.01, Env18.01, Env18.01.01, Env19.01</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ a range of extra Targets and Strategies to stop planetary heating; 	<p>Env02.01.03, Env02.01.04, Env02.05, Env02.05.01</p> <p>Gov03.01.03, Gov05.02.03, Gov11.05, Gov11.05.01</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ an integrated set of Strategies to assist the community to facilitate long overdue reform of the Constitution – including reforms to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ give Australians a voice in their democracy, ○ eliminate electoral funding and expenditure distortion, ○ achieve Indigenous recognition in the Constitution, and ○ eliminate racism in Australian law; 	<p>Soc07.03</p> <p>Gov01.04, Gov01.04.01, Gov08.02.03</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ a series of extra Targets and Strategies to secure human rights for Australians and stop government abuses of power, including reforms for protection of whistleblowers; 	<p>Gov03.03.01, Gov05.02.01, Gov05.02.02</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ extra Strategies for development of Australia’s capacity for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ peace, ○ neutrality in conflicts between major powers, ○ full independence and sovereignty in defence and foreign policy, ○ decency on the international stage, ○ conformance with international law (including on armaments), and ○ parliamentary supremacy on decisions on entry into war; 	<p>Gov12.01.03, Gov12.02.01, Gov12.04.02, Gov12.04.03</p> <p>Gov12.06</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ commencement of Strategies to ensure universal and equal access to high quality health services by reform of Medicare; and 	<p>Soc04.09</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ commencement of Strategies for reform of governance in universities. 	<p>Soc05.01.04</p>

A range of amendments have also been made to other strategies which have the effect of substantially extending the effectiveness of the plan. All amendments are consistent with the Vision or Directions for *Australia Together*.

**For a full list and descriptions of the additional Targets and Strategies see
Issue No. 7 of *Australia Together*, page 10.
[Click here for the full PDF of Issue No. 7.](#)**

Other new writing and interviews

ACFP continues to attract readership and commentary in the media and in community groups both for our work on constitutional reform and on inclusive long term integrated national planning. More Australians are becoming familiar with the solutions-based approach being offered by ACFP. Recent articles and events include:

- February 2024: ACFP's Founder Bronwyn Kelly was invited to address the Voices of Ku-ring-gai on a positive vision for Australia and how inclusive planning can help make it a reality.
 - Watch the speech here on YouTube: [Reimagining Our Democracy](#).
- February 2024: Ian McAuley positively reviewed Bronwyn Kelly's most recent major essay, [Saving Australian Democracy and Sovereignty by Building a New Constitution](#), citing in particular the concept of building terms of trust that Australians can offer to those they elect.
 - [Read Ian McAuley's review here](#).
 - [Listen to the full essay on the Australia Together podcast](#).
- January 2024: Article on whether Australia's democracy is safe:
 - [Read – Politics of division: a Democracy under siege this Australia Day](#).
- December 2023: Articles published on why Australians must collaborate to build a new Constitution and how they can do it:
 - [Read Part 1 – The prosecution of David McBride and the Australian Constitution](#).
 - [Read Part 2 – Australians need to collaborate to build a new Constitution](#).

ACFP's Founder Bronwyn Kelly is also now a committee member of **Australians for War Powers Reform**. Find out more about Australians for War Powers Reform [here](#).

Click on the pictures below to read the articles.

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GOVERNMENT, POLITICS
Politics of division: a Democracy under siege this Australia Day
By Bronwyn Kelly
Jan 25, 2024
Australians must organise themselves to define the sort of democracy they wish to become.
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Dec 27, 2023
Australians need to build a democratic state in which the people are acknowledged as sovereign.
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What next for ACFP?

In 2024, ACFP will continue to concentrate on the democratic reforms we have been developing and on expanding opportunities for efficient community involvement in democracy to give Australians greater control over their own nation's future. Read more about the reforms in [The People's Constitution](#). As always, comments are welcome on the work of ACFP. Email us at info@austcfp.com.au

THE PEOPLE'S CONSTITUTION
THE PATH TO EMPOWERMENT OF AUSTRALIANS IN A 21ST CENTURY DEMOCRACY
BRONWYN KELLY

The Australia Together Podcast
Episodes 40, 41, 42 & 43
Saving Australian Democracy and Sovereignty by Building a New Constitution
An essay in four parts by Bronwyn Kelly
Find how Australians can build a democracy for political equals. Listen [here](#).
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Address by ACFP Founder Bronwyn Kelly to the Voices of Ku-ring-gai
Australians can do something new in democracy to build a better future.
REIMAGINING OUR DEMOCRACY AND SAVE OUR PRECIOUS BIODIVERSITY
FEBRUARY 14
7pm to 8.45pm
St Ives Community Hall
Memorial Ave, St. Ives
Dr Bronwyn Kelly
Founder
Australians Community Futures Planning (ACFP)
voicessofkuringgai.org
Click here to watch ACFP Founder Bronwyn Kelly's speech on how planning a future for a nation together is as easy as it is essential.

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