

Measuring what matters

Attachment A: Measuring What Matters: Consultation Feedback form

Consult hub

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Not answered
- 7 Meeting date
15 May 2023
- 8 Meeting location
In-person

- 9 Location/City/Town
Brisbane, West end
- 10 State
QLD
- 11 Participants attending
Member of a community organisation
- 12 Other
Not answered
- 13 Number of participants
Not answered
- 14 1. Did the five emerging policy themes Prosperous, Inclusive, Sustainable, Cohesive and Healthy resonate with meeting participants?
Yes
- 15 If not, why not (200 words)
Not answered
- 16 2. Which of the following themes are most important to you? (Select 3)
Sustainable: A natural environment that is valued and sustainably managed in the face of a changing climate for current and future generations
Cohesive: A safe and cohesive society that celebrates culture and encourages participation
Inclusive: A society that shares opportunities and enables people to fully participate
- 17 3. Which themes or descriptions were most frequently discussed? (Select 3)
Sustainable: A natural environment that is valued and sustainably managed in the face of a changing climate for current and future generations
Inclusive: A society that shares opportunities and enables people to fully participate

Cohesive: A safe and cohesive society that celebrates culture and encourages participation

18 4. What do you see as the most important issues for future wellbeing?
Are these captured by the emerging policy themes?

We noted that sustainability is the most important as it ties into the health, economy and cohesive goals of measuring what matters.

Key matters to us include:

- The necessary emissions reduction trajectory,
- A reversal of Australia's biodiversity decline trajectory,
- The Australian political economy no longer relies upon (or its politics is harmfully influenced by) fossil fuel extraction or industries that cause biodiversity loss.

To actively succeed in these sustainable development goals we require inclusivity, making sure all voices are heard.

19 5. How might the descriptions be amended to best reflect our priorities?

Future Australian Budgets should not be the same as Budgets in the past but with some paragraphs bolted on that address wellbeing. Future budgets must be new, different and better by virtue of placing wellbeing and genuinely ecologically sustainable development at the heart of single comprehensive budgets.

20 6. Are there any indicators and existing data sources that will be critical to inform the emerging policy themes?

The Emissions Gap Report 2022: The Closing Window found that climate pledges leave the world heading for a global temperature rise of 2.4-2.6°C this century. An urgent system-wide transformation is needed to get on track to 1.5°C. The report outlined how to deliver this transformation in the electricity supply, industry, transport and buildings sectors, and the food and financial systems.

Challenge the norms of our food sources will be incredibly important moving forward as animal culture is the lead carbon omission producing industry.

<https://www.unep.org/annualreport/2022/>

21 7. Is there any additional information you would like to see in the

Measuring What Matters Statement? If so, please outline.

Incorporating a Community Rights based approach is fundamental to a successful wellbeing budget. In fact, most consultations and environmental proposals in general should include Community Rights as a basic tenet of decision making.

The absence of strong Environmental Community Rights means that governments are able to make decisions that are harmful to the environment, contrary to pleas from the community. Instead of listening to the community, governments are influenced by corporations that profit from the destruction of the environment. It is critical that this trend is urgently reversed. Strong Environmental Community Rights will require governments to be transparent and accountable when making decisions about the environment, resulting in better outcomes for people and nature.