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# Liveability in Regional Australia

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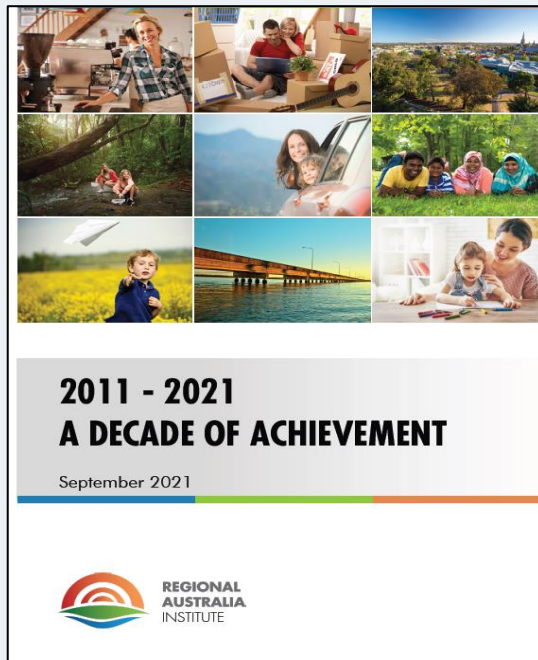


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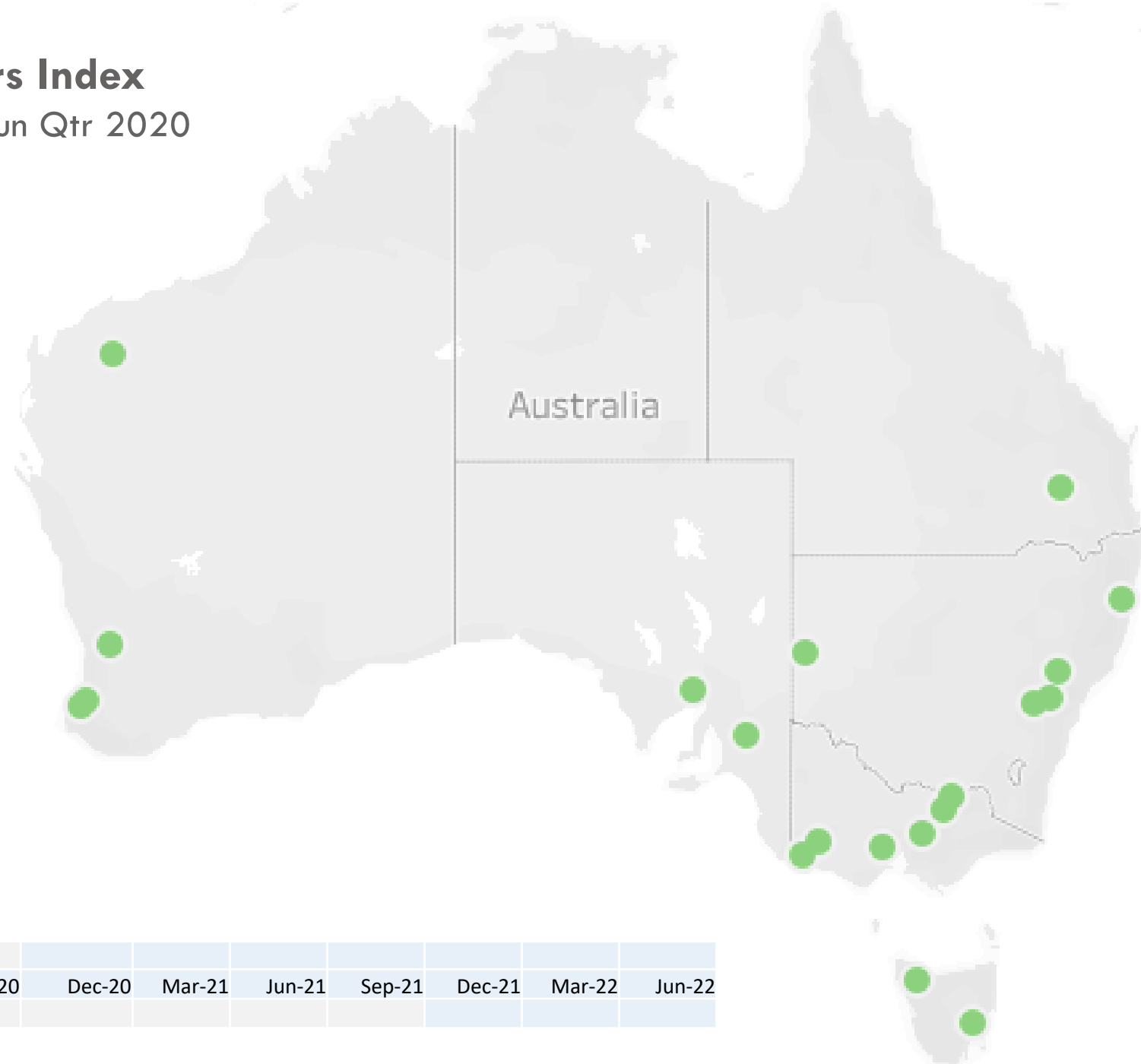
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- 10 years of research and influence:





# Regional Movers Index

Mar Qtr 2020 to Jun Qtr 2020



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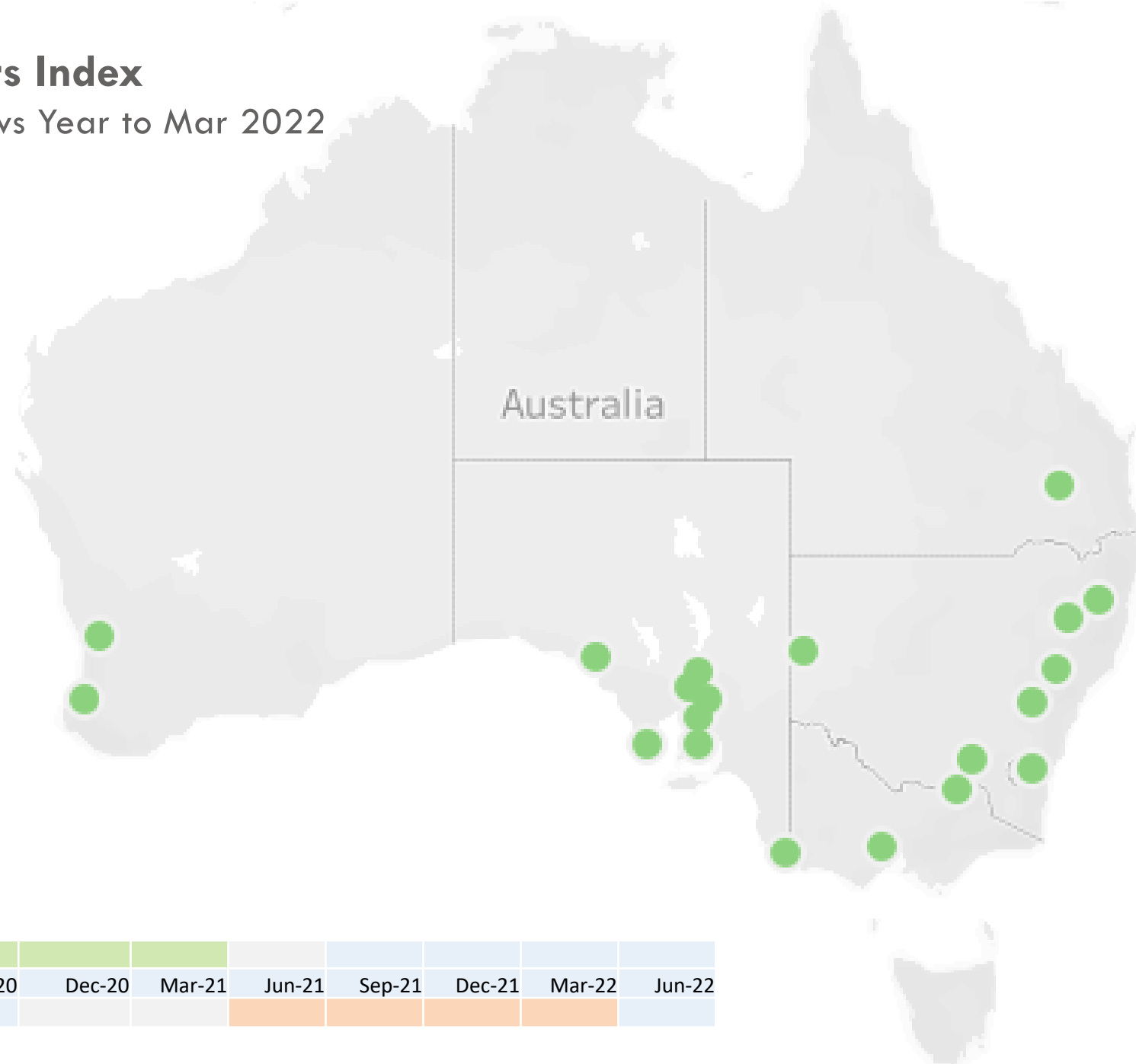






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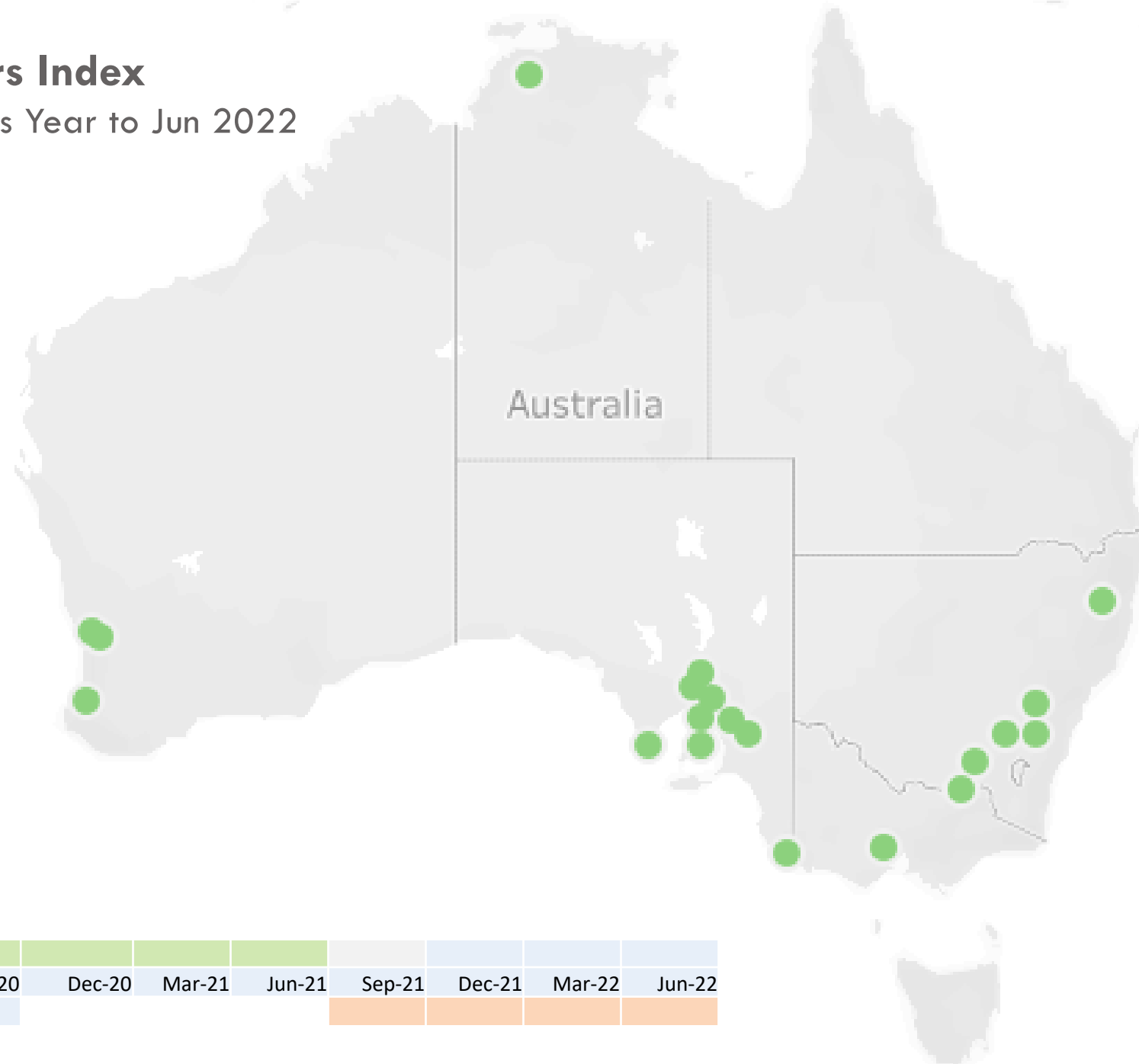
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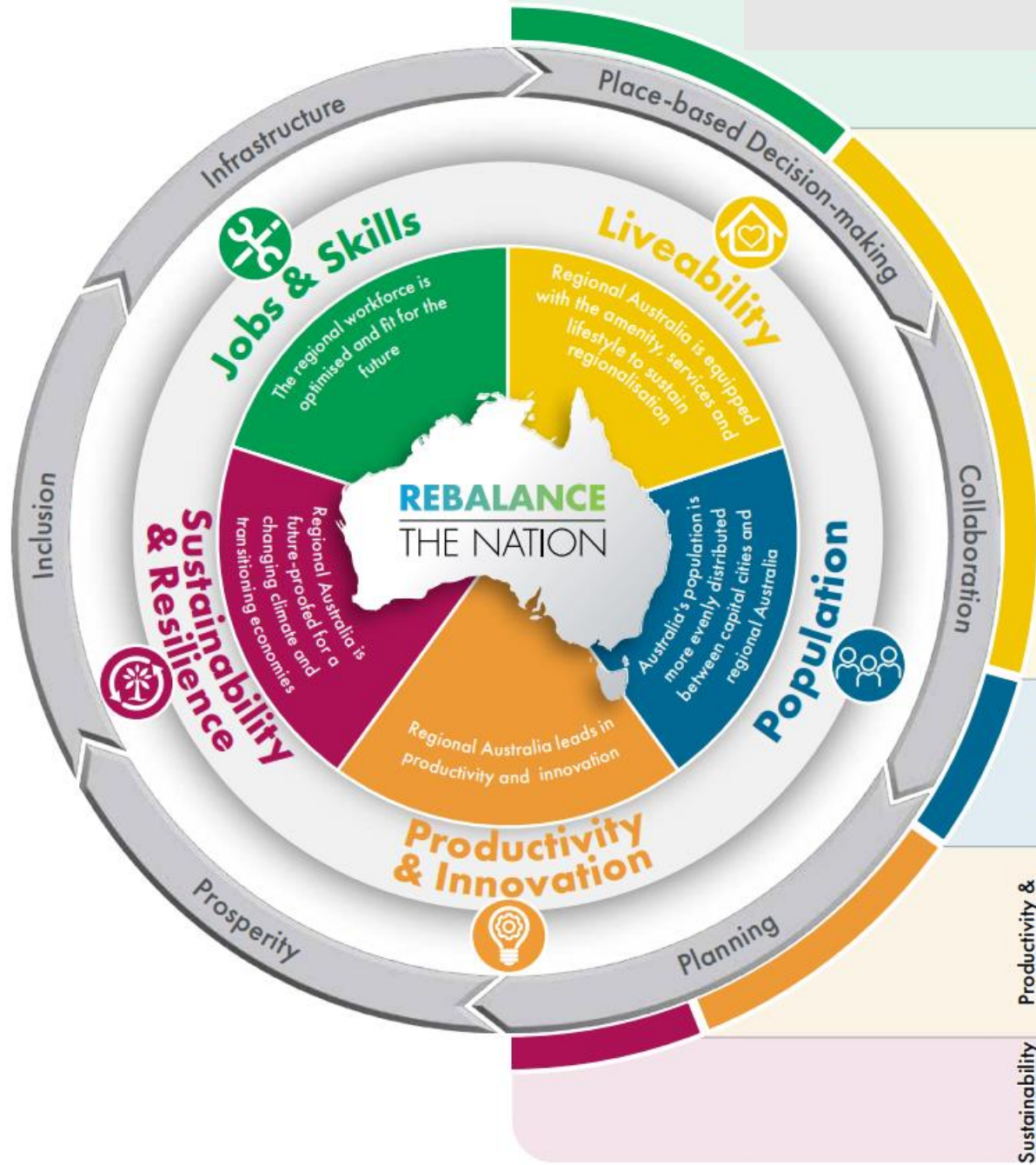
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1. Continue to increase the life satisfaction and wellbeing score of Australians living in regional communities to a score of 75, according to the Regional Wellbeing Survey	Regions score 72 out of 100 (2020)
2. Increase Regional Australia's Digital Inclusion Index (ADII) score to 73 or above, equal to metropolitan Australia	Regional Australia's ADII score is 67 (2021)
3. Improve access to transport services in and between regional communities	Regional Australians score 'access to public transport' an average 3.5 out of 7 (2020 Regional Wellbeing Survey)
4. Increase rental vacancy rates in regional areas to above 3%, and ensure annual building approvals keep pace with population growth	All regions have been experiencing 'tight' (below 3%) rental markets (June 2021) The number of homes approved for construction declined in five out of the ten years, to 2020
5. Lift the access to medical practitioners in regional Australia by over 100 FTE per 100,000 population	328 medical practitioners FTE per 100,000 work in regional Australia (2020) A higher proportion of allied health workers are based in metropolitan areas than the share of population (2020)
6. Halve the population classified as living in a regional childcare desert (to below 2 million)	3.7 million live in a regional childcare desert (2022)
7. Increase the percentage of students in regional Australia who achieve at or above the minimum standard in NAPLAN testing, equal to metropolitan students, across each year level	The proportion of students in metropolitan areas was more than double students in very remote Australia (2021)
8. Strengthen access and opportunities for engagement in arts, cultural, community, and recreational experiences in Regional Australia	Regional Australians score 'getting involved in the community' an average 2.3 out of 7 (2020 Regional Wellbeing Survey)



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