

Future Generations

How do we provide the foundations for future generations wellbeing?



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Agenda

- 1 INSIGHTS FROM DR SOPHIE SCAMPS MP
- 2 REFLECTION & CONTEXT SETTING
- 3 INTRODUCING THE FUTURE GENERATIONS POLICY FRAMEWORK
- 4 WORKSHOP: THE NATIONAL CONVERSATION







Scamps' bill a practical solution

bumble.o.bel It's super depressing that this doesn't already

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dylannjones How is this not already a thing lol

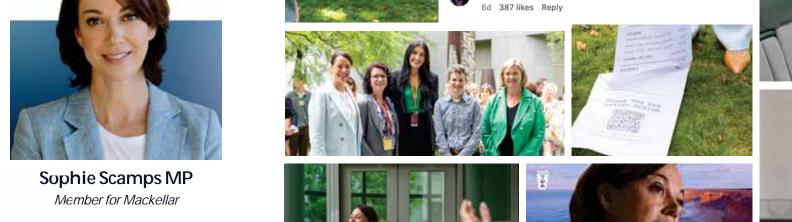












What do I want *future generations* to thank me for?

What are the opportunities and barriers to fulfilling this ambition?

This Isn't New, We've Just forgotten How

The challenges of short-termism aren't new and neither is the wisdom to overcome them.

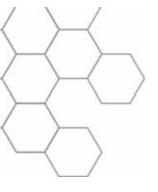
- Humans are wired for immediacy: shortterm rewards, political cycles, and crisis responses.
- Yet across cultures, especially in First Nations knowledge systems, stewardship and intergenerational responsibility have always been central.
- Recent momentum is the adoption of established practice, not a discovery.
- Australia is home to the world's longest continuous traditions of future generations thinking: we don't need to invent this, we need to reconnect with it.



Joining the Dots, Building for the Long-Term

The shift we need is cultural as much as structural: a new operating system for long-term governance.

- Integrate systems: Embed long-term thinking across portfolios, budgets, and performance measures.
- Shift culture: Normalise stewardship, curiosity, and legacy as leadership essentials.
- Design for durability: Create institutions that hold governments accountable to the future
- Australia can lead the world by combining ancient custodianship with modern system design to create a future generations culture.



Our Mission

Equipping Australian leaders, across sectors, communities, and generations with the tools and knowledge to champion long-term governance and embed intergenerational thinking.













Engaging Leaders

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Intergenerational Fairness Coalition

For Our Future

The Australian Future Generations Policy Brief

Future Generations Policy Framework



Long-term Vision

Policies that reflect shared societal aspirations, ethical responsibilities, and cultural wisdoms. It ensures policies are guided by an inclusive, regenerative vision of the future.



Intergenerational Fairness

Policies that avoid shifting harm or costs forward, and support fair outcomes over time.



Systemic Synergies & Future Dividends

Policies harness the potential of collaboration across portfolios or departments and amplify benefits across all generations.



Adaptive Governance

Policies that are designed for adaptability and long-term relevance. It focuses on flexibility, feedback loops, and mechanisms that support learning and evolution over time.

Key Criteria

- Alignment with Shared Goals
- Inclusive and Intergenerational Design
- Cultural and Knowledge Diversity

- Regenerative Ambition
- Stewardship for the Future
- Ethical and Justice Commitments

Key Criteria

- Equity Across Life Stages
- · Preventing the Transmission of Inequality
- Protecting Future Opportunities

- Proportionate and Fair Trade-offs
- Precaution and Prevention for Long-term Risks

Key Crite<u>ria</u>

- Integrated Priorities Across Portfolios
- Joined-up Approaches
- · Cross-Department Collaboration

- Inclusive and Generationally Diverse Design
- Accumulating and Compounding Benefits
- Endurance Beyond Electoral Cycles

Key Criteria

- Learning and Iteration
- Foresight and Feedback Loops
- Monitoring and Accountability

- Future-Ready Implementation
- · Leadership and Adaptive Capacity

Future Generations Policy, Governance and Leadership: Ending 'Policrastination' (2026)
Taylor Dee Hawkins, Susan Harris Rimmer, Elise Stephenson, Matthew Day, Amie Furlong



The Bill proposes four key things:

- A national wellbeing framework
- 2 Establish a positive duty
- 3 Establish an independent Future Generations Commissioner
- 4 Launching a National Conversation

Our Challenge

Unmet demands for ambitious reform

Growing traction & awareness resulting in unmet demands and tension

Lack of social lisence or clear mandate

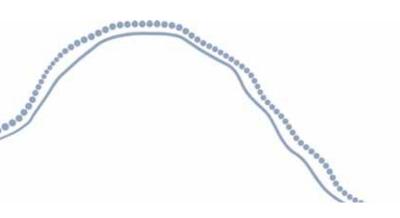
A fractured sense of identity and absence of a shared vision allows drift

Erosion of trust, social cohesion and civic engagement

Weakening the very foundations we will need to drive progress

Stalled progress across multiple agendas

Multiple reform agendas being hamstrung by the same challenge



Our Opportunity

Build community competencies for collaboration

Investing in the long-term ability and appetite for Australians to engage

Craft a clear, coherent and unifying vision

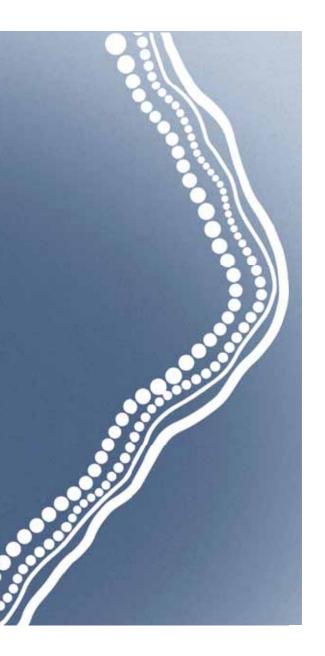
Aligning on a vision that can support bold action

Provision of a clear mandate for ambitious reform

Clarity on a direction and establishment of values to drive action

Insulate progress against regression or dilution

Support resilience and longevity to protect long-term societal dividends



A National Conversation

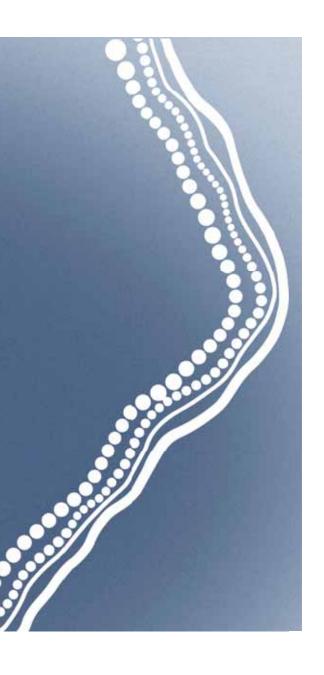


A large-scale, structured National Conversation that brings Australians together, across generations, regions, and lived experiences, to explore what matters most, reflect on where we're heading, and shape Australia's collective ambitions for the future.

What it does: Moves beyond traditional consultation to build civic alignment and legitimacy. It enables people to:

- Reflect on the future they want for themselves, their communities, and future generations
- Identify the ambitions and priorities we hold in common
- Stress-test bold ideas and future directions
- Lay the civic groundwork for long-term reform to succeed
- Establishes the public as a proactive and engaged source of accountability

The outcome is not just a set of insights, but a **publicly co-created mandate for** action.

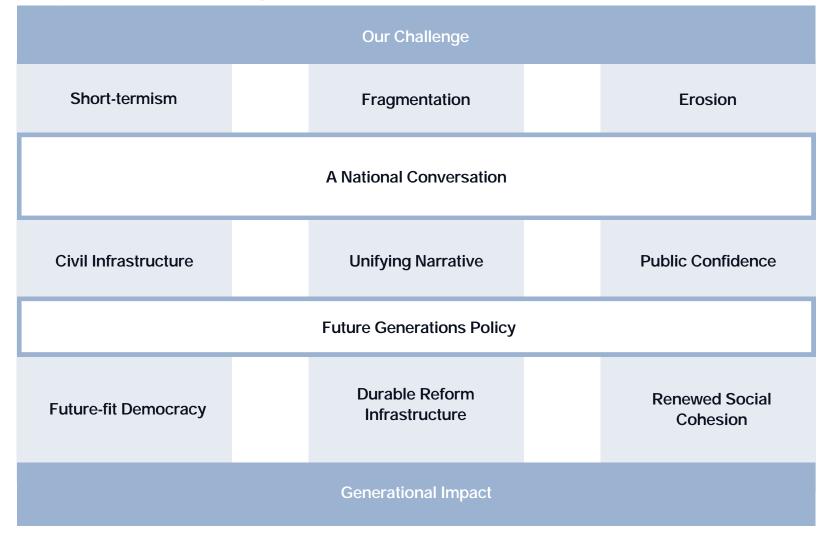






- Many agendas stand to benefit
- There is significant and increasing energy and investment
- There is a diversity of pre-existing work
- There is insufficient collaboration
- An under-utilisation of creative thinking

Theory of Change



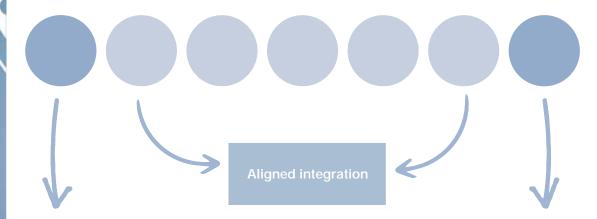
An integrated approach to

A coherent & unifying direction for Australia's future

Our Audacious Goal

To advance a "National Conversation" in Australia and unlock ambitious progress.

Innovative approaches for flexible and high-scale participation



Targeted high-investment

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Consultation, workshops & collaborative drafting

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2027

Develop & deliver a comprehensive delivery package to government for consideration prior to the 2028 election











Let's Dig Into the Details!

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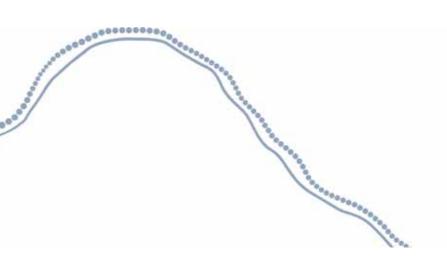
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Discussion Guidelines



Be Specific, Not General

Surface & Hold the Tensions

Assume Good Intent, Interrogate Ideas

Seek Design, Not Diagnosis

Capture the Gold











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