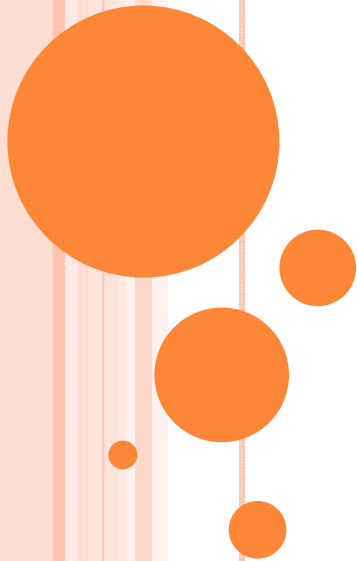


# **OVERVIEW OF CROSS- SECTOR POLICY DIRECTIONS AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL**

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# Creating opportunities

- The Australian Government announced that all Australians should be able to:
  - secure a job
  - access services
  - connect with others in life through family, friends, work, personal interests and local community
  - deal with personal crisis such as ill health, bereavement or the loss of a job
  - have their voice heard



# CO-ORDINATING GOVERNMENT ACTIONS



# BUILDING STRONG PARTNERSHIPS



- Individuals and families
- Community
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sector
- Business
- Governments – Commonwealth, State, Local



# BASED ON SHARED LEADERSHIP AND MUTUAL RESPECT

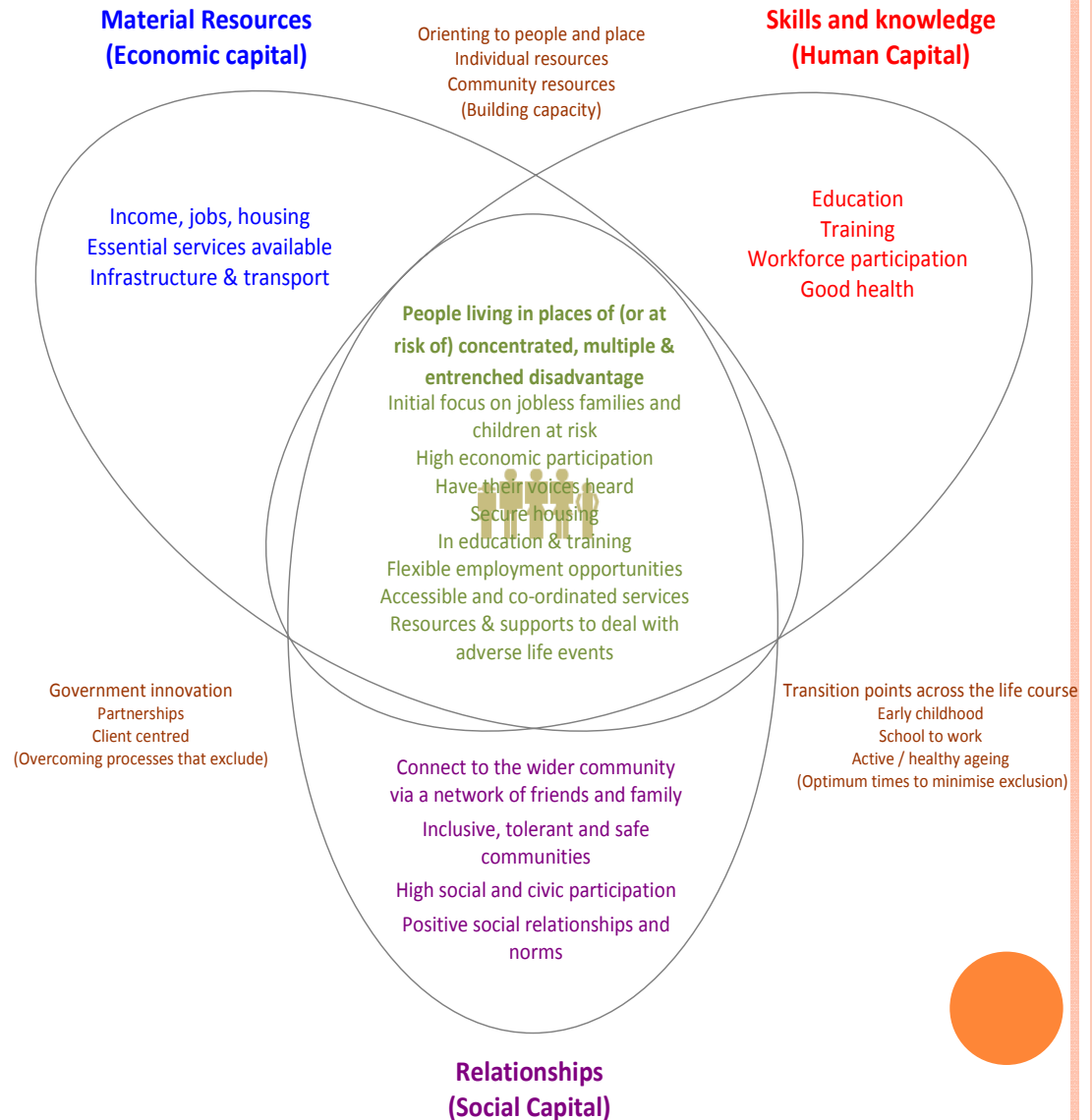
- In order for leaders to generate the kind of change that both government and professionals are determined to bring about, leaders of organisations (with a stake in providing services to vulnerable groups) must begin to escape the temptation of the technocratic fix...changes to people's mental models and shifts in organisational cultures will hold the key to creating genuine and lasting change.

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# WORK UNDERWAY – SOCIAL INCLUSION

- Focusing on people over time
- Community/location al focus
- Preventative/early interventions
- Governments working together
- Addressing multiple disadvantage



# WORK UNDERWAY – NATIONAL COMPACT WITH THE NON-PROFIT SECTOR

Key element of the Social Inclusion Agenda is **building effective partnerships** with the Non-profit Sector

National Compact will help **realign the relationship** between community organisations and Government:

- First stage of consultation being **jointly led** by Government and the Sector (through ACOSS).

**Productivity Commission** constructing a tool to measure contribution of the non-profit sector.



# WORK UNDERWAY – COAG REFORM AGENDA

Addressing the challenges of boosting productivity, increasing workforce participation and mobility and delivering better services for the community

Explicitly encompasses **social inclusion principles**:

“[The] reform agenda will contribute to the broader goals of social inclusion, closing the gap on Indigenous disadvantage and environmental sustainability.” COAG Communiqué 3  
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# WORK UNDERWAY- NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION FRAMEWORK

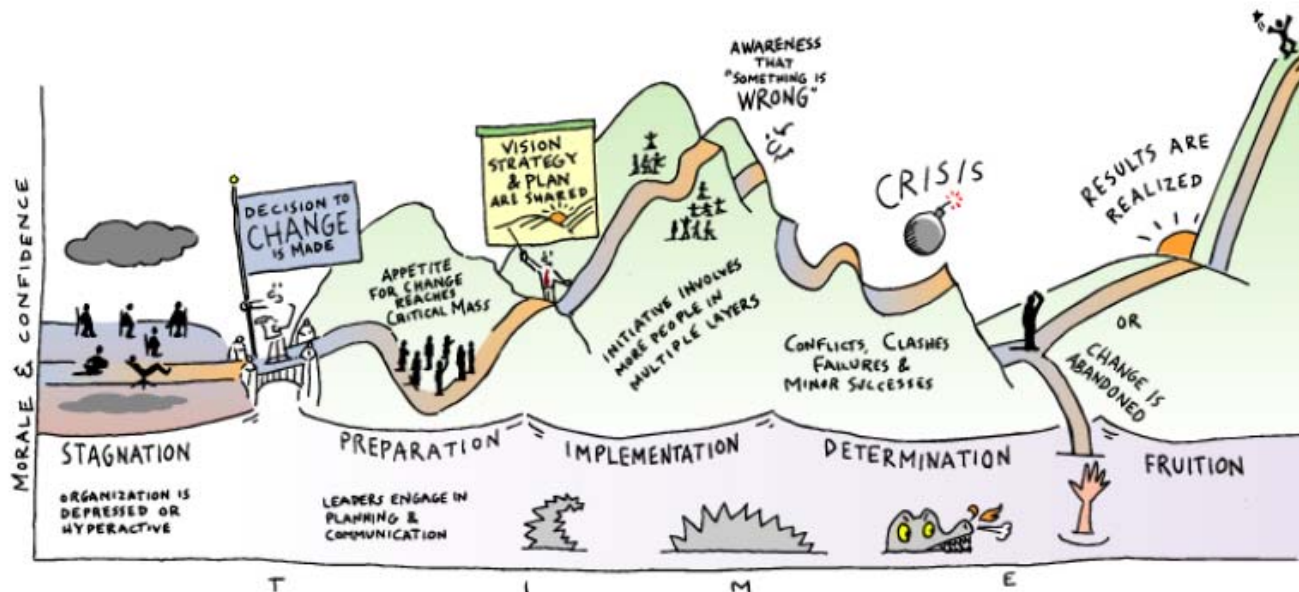
Recognising the value of **early, whole-of family interventions** to build family capabilities, prevent crises and support children's safety, stability, development and wellbeing.

Development being led by the Commonwealth closely engaged with state and territory governments and community organisations



# WORKING TOGETHER IS ROCKET SCIENCE

**THERE ARE MANY UPS AND DOWNS TO BE TRAVERSED TO DELIVER REAL AND SUSTAINABLE CHANGE**



**Leadership makes the difference between success and failure**



# BUT TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE TO AUSTRALIAN FAMILIES

- Privileging research, evidence and data +
- Employing the right mechanisms +
  - laws, incentives, partnerships etc
- Extensive engagement (with young people, communities, community sector and across government) +
- Establish better and new organisational capabilities +
  - culture/belief/commitment/resources/skills etc
  - Reaching out and engaging vulnerable families earlier intervention
  - Unlock community potential
- Sustaining partnerships (strategy, policy, delivery) +
  - Individuals and families, communities & business, Governments
- **The 'X' factor**
  - energy, momentum, leadership, keeping on, getting back on track

