# *Queensland Community Indicators: Measuring True Progress*

My Community Directory

*Information is Power* Breakfast Series

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# Measuring Wellbeing

## Table 1   Measures of Australia's Progress (MAP) - Framework

| Domains | Social - Individuals | Social - Living Together | Economic | Environmental |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Headline dimensions | Health<br><br>Education and Training<br><br>Work | Family, community and social cohesion<br><br>Crime<br><br>Democracy, governance and citizenship | National income<br><br>Economic hardship<br><br>National wealth<br><br>Housing<br><br>Productivity | The natural landscape<br><br>The air and atmosphere<br><br>Oceans and estuaries |
| Supplementary dimensions | Culture and leisure | Communication<br><br>Transport | Competitiveness and openness<br><br>Inflation | |

**Australian Bureau of Statistics**

**MEASURES OF AUSTRALIA'S PROGRESS 2.0**

IS LIFE IN AUSTRALIA GETTING BETTER?

## What matters to you?

The ABS is carrying out a consultation to better measure the progress of Australia. This blog will allow you to participate in this exciting project. Click here to tell us what matters most in Australian life - because to assess whether Australia is progressing, we need to know what we want to progress towards.

### The consultation continues...

*Posted on 28 November 2011*

Although we're not regularly putting up blog posts, we value your insights and thoughts and we are continuing to monitor the blog. So please do still leave comments and contribute to this national conversation.

You can read some of the comments by other readers here

The findings from our consultation will be released in a report late-2012.

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### Our last regular blog post

*Posted on 8 November 2011*

This will be our last regular blog post. We would like to thank everyone who has provided a comment and had their say. This blog was something of a first for the ABS and has been an effective way to interact with a wide audience. Hearing your thoughts on this topic has been

### What is MAP 2.0 all About?

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# Measuring Progress: Australia
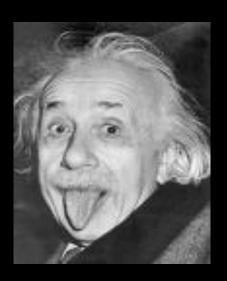
## Most important qualities for Australia's progress

| Rank | Quality | Avge |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Honesty and ethics in public life | **9.42** |
| 2 | Security and stability | **9.33** |
| 3 | Environmental responsibility | **9.25** |
| 4 | Democracy, open, accountable government | **9.17** |
| 5 | Efficiency in government, management etc | **9.10** |
| 6 | Economic strength | **9.04** |
| 7 | Happiness and health | **9.02** |
| 8 | Fairness | **8.90** |
| 9 | Education and creativity | **8.74** |
| 10 | Inclusiveness and community | **8.65** |
| 11 | International responsibility | **8.65** |
| 12 | High living standards | **8.59** |
| 13 | Diversity and tolerance | **8.50** |
| 14 | High technology | **8.43** |
| 15 | Political power | **7.69** |
| 16 | Competitiveness | **7.68** |

# Measuring Progress

Not everything that can be counted counts, and not everything that counts can be counted

Albert Einstein

# Measuring Progress

- John Stuart Mill (1850s)



"Those only are happy who have their minds fixed on some object other than their own happiness".

# Measuring Progress

## The Idea of Progress

**No single idea has been more important than the Idea of Progress in Western civilization for three thousand years.**

*(Nisbet, R. History of the Idea of Progress, 1980)*

# Rethinking Progress

'**Around the world a consensus is growing about the need to develop a more comprehensive view of progress – one that takes account of  social, environmental and economic concerns – rather than focussing mainly on economic indicators like Gross Domestic Product.**'

OECD World Forum on Statistics, Knowledge and Policy:  Measuring and Fostering the Progress of Societies

Istanbul 2007

# Rethinking Progress



Performance économique et progrès social
Paris · La Sorbonne · 14 septembre 2009

**Stiglitz Commission on the Measurement of Economic Performance and Social Progress**

"Much of the contemporary economic disaster owes to the misbegotten assumption that policy makers simply had to focus on nurturing growth, trusting that this would maximize prosperity for all."
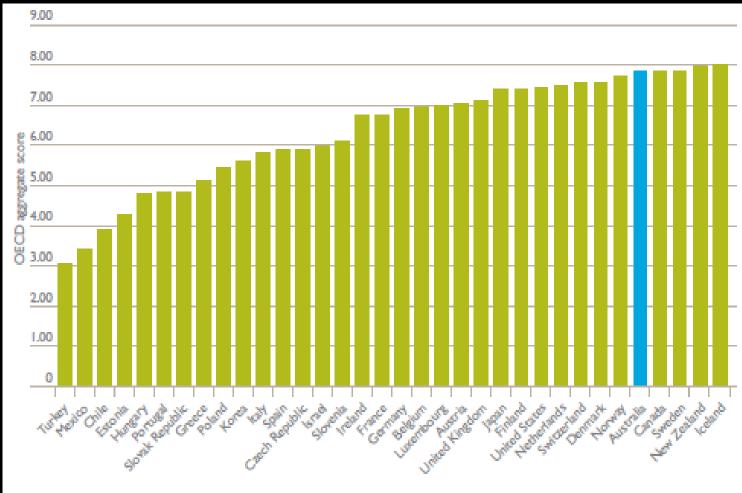
# OCD Better Life Index



Note: *Aggregate score has been calculated as the sum of score data for each of 20 indicators across 11 topics divided by the number of scores where data is available. Imputed values have not been used.
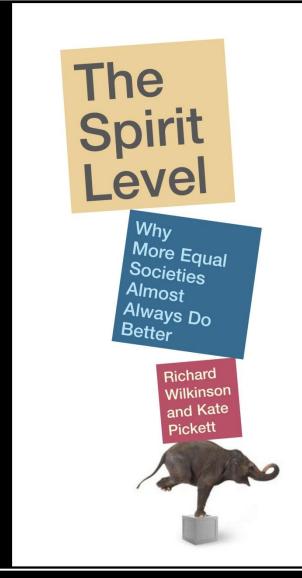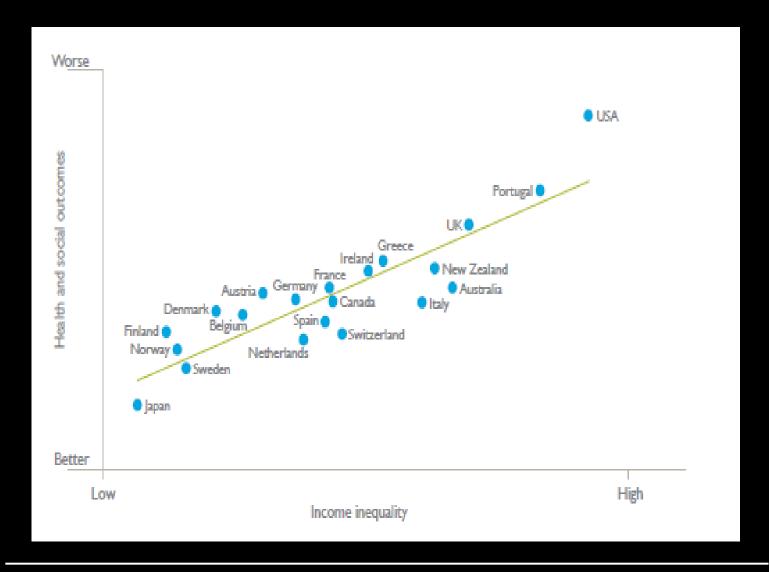
Source: OECD 2011a.

# Rethinking Progress



The Spirit Level
Why More Equal Societies Almost Always Do Better
Richard Wilkinson and Kate Pickett

# Rethinking Progress

# Community Indicators

The idea of people taking charge of their own measurements of progress is a powerful and far reaching innovation that can bring about a new sense of civic engagement.

*Sustainable Seattle*

**i*nstitute**
OF WELLBEING

The following government agencies, non-governmental organizations and universities are working together to develop the Canadian Index of Wellbeing.



**QUEBEC**
Département d'études en loisir, culture et tourisme, Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières
www.uqtr.ca

Faculté des sciences sociales, Université Laval
www.soc.ulaval.ca

**NEWFOUNDLAND**
Memorial University
www.mun.ca

Newfoundland Labrador Community Accounts
www.communityaccounts.ca

**BRITISH COLUMBIA**
Faculty of Education, University of British Columbia
http://ecps.educ.ubc.ca

Institute for Social Research and Evaluation, University of Northern British Columbia (Prince George)
http://web.unbc.ca/isre

**NOVA SCOTIA**
Genuine Progress Index (GPI) Atlantic
www.gpiatlantic.org

Time Use Research Program, Saint Mary's University
www.smu.ca/partners/turp

**ALBERTA**
Anielski Management Inc. (Edmonton)
www.anielski.com

Sustainable Calgary
www.sustainablecalgary.ca

**ONTARIO**

Canadian Council on Learning
www.ccl-cca.ca

Canadian Council on Social Development
www.ccsd.ca

Centre for the Study of Living Standards
www.csls.ca

Institute of Population Health, University of Ottawa
www.iph.uottawa.ca

Institute of Wellbeing (housed at the Atkinson Charitable Foundation)
www.ciw.ca

Lifestyle Information Network
www.lin.ca

Statistics Canada
www.statcan.gc.ca

University of Toronto
www.phs.utoronto.ca

University of Waterloo
www.uwaterloo.ca

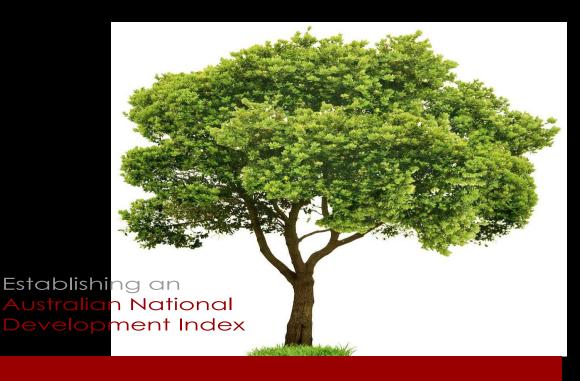**SASKATCHEWAN**
Community University Institute for Social Research, University of Saskatchewan (Saskatoon)
www.usask.ca/cuisr

Prairie Wild Consulting Co. together with Holden & Associates
www.prairiewildconsulting.ca

**MANITOBA**
International Institute for Sustainable Development
www.iisd.org

# ANDI

Establishing an
**Australian National
Development Index**

What kind of
Australia do
we want?

...ness prospectus prepared by
The **Allen Consulting** Group

# Aust Community Indicators Network

- [http://www.acin.net.au/](http://www.acin.net.au/)

# Other Relevant Examples: Australia

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- Australian Unity Wellbeing Index

- Property Council Capital City Livability

- Onyx & Bullen Social Capital Scores

- SEWPAC Sustainability Indicators

- Genuine Progress Indicator (Australia)

- ARACY Scorecard – children's wellbeing

- Indices of Social Disadvantage (SEIFA; Vinson; Saunders; Baum; NATSEM)

- Herald - Lateral Economics Index of Australia's Well-being

- Measuring Australia's Progress (MAP), ABS

- Unequal in Life

# Partners for Livable Communities (PLC)

http://www.livable.org.au

We aim to improve the livability of our communities by:

- Defining livability, so communities have a broad and consistent framework to understand and assess livability, in their own context;
- Forging new partnerships with the wide range of corporate, government and community stakeholders needed to initiate and sustain change.

# Community Indicators Queensland (CIQ) Key Features

- Focus on indicators v-v creation of an index;
- Adoption of a bottom-up community led approach;
- Facilitation of active citizen engagement and a democratic approach to improving wellbeing and quality of life in the community;
- Provision of a tool to assist policy and program evaluation by non-economic measures;
- Contribution to long term policy research for a range of social policy oriented disciplines;
- Flexible framework allowing local communities to commission surveys on issues of direct local relevance.

# Community Indicators Queensland (CIQ) Progress

## Partners

**Stakeholders actively involved in CIQ development:**

- **Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS)**
- **Office of Economic and Statistical Research (OESR), Queensland Treasury**
- **Queensland Health**
- **Environmental Protection Agency**
- **Department of Communities (including A&TSIS)**
- **Arts Queensland**
- **Department of Premier and Cabinet**
- **Local Government Association Queensland**
- **QCOSS**
- **CheckUp + Medicare Locals**
- **Partners for Livable Communities (PLC)**
- **Qld Centre for Social Science Innovation (QCSSI)**
- **Wesley Mission Brisbane (WMB)**

# Community Indicators Queensland (CIQ) & Wellness Footprint

- Provide a platform for the development of strategies to address environmental risk factors associated with obesity, cancer, CVD and other health problems

- Enable all level of government to comparatively measure the wellness capacity of cities, towns and suburbs

- Provide evidence as to which areas should be prioritised in planning, facilities provision and environmental improvements

Preliminary data scoping completed June 2010

# Queensland Health Indicators

■ Health Indicators for Regional Planning in Qld (Sept, 2006)
http://www.health.qld.gov.au/epidemiology/documents/hirpp-report.pdf

■ Significant health and resilience surveys through post-disaster Qld 2011

■ General Practice Division and Medicare Local profiles
http://www.gpqld.com.au/page/Our_Network/Queensland_Divisions_Profile

# Community Services Information System (COMSIS)

- https://statistics.oesr.qld.gov.au/comsis

COMSIS has been developed by the Office of Economic and Statistical Research (OESR), Queensland Treasury and Trade, for the Department of Communities.

In order to support those most in need, the department has developed a method to identify and rank the high priority groups-locations across Queensland using a combination of measures of disadvantage, need and risk (DNR).

# Transport and Community Wellbeing

**Aim**

■ This project aims to achieve a better understanding of the role of transport in improving community wellbeing. A desired outcome is to better leverage TMR's investment in transport projects in a way that achieves better outcomes for communities across generations.
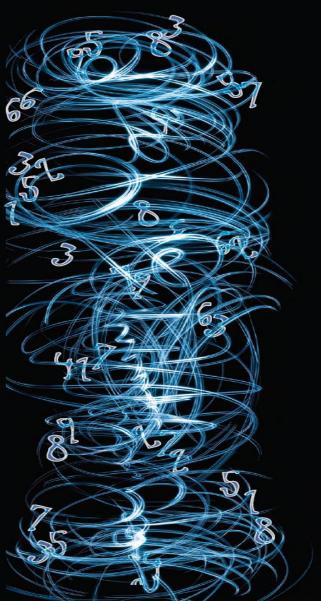
# Vital Signs

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### CULTURAL INDICATORS FOR AUSTRALIA
first edition – for consultation

# Resilience Profiles Project details

- Funding - the Natural Disaster Resilience Program (NDRP), jointly funded by federal Attorney-General's & Qld Dept of Community Safety

- Timeframe – April 2011 to March 2012

- Lead agency - QCOSS in partnership with Griffith Uni

- Key Question: Is there a link between socio-economic disadvantage (as per SEIFA scale) and natural disaster vulnerability?

# Community Resilience Profiles

## Pilot Sites

- Tablelands region (local government area)

- Rockhampton region (local government area)

- Western Downs (local government area) with a focus on the township of Chinchilla


- http://communityindicatorsqld.org.au/

# LGAQ Community Wellbeing Indicators Pilot  2011

Trialing CIQ Draft Indicator Framework in five LGAs

Pilot Sites (LGAs)

- Sunshine Coast

- Gladstone

- Longreach

- Isaac

- Wujal Wujal

http://www.lgaq.asn.au/c/document_library/get_file?uuid=e623a713c06b59f3
4df3918153835c67&groupId=10136

# LGAQ Community Wellbeing Indicators

■ Key impetus for CIQ's relevance to LG was 2009 LG Act which states that:

"The long-term community plan is a document that outlines the local government's goals, strategies and policies for implementing the local government's vision for the future of the local government area, during the period covered by the plan." The Plan must be at least 10 years.

# Other significant Qld community indicators research

## CQU

Institute for Sustainable Regional Development

http://www.anzrsai.org/system/files/f8/f4/f45/f46/o246//Miles%20et%20al.pdf

Measuring Community Wellbeing: A Central Queensland Case Study

## UQ

http://www.issr.uq.edu.au/social-wellbeing-health-housing

**The Social Wellbeing, Health and Housing Research Program focuses on producing internationally recognised research regarding the wellbeing of individuals, families, neighbourhoods, cities and regions in Australian society.**

It is concerned with:
■ Conceptualising and measuring social wellbeing, and related concepts such as quality of life, health status and social inequality;
■ Analysing the factors that impact on social wellbeing;
■ Analysing social policies and programs designed to enhance social wellbeing.

# Next Steps

- Qld Centre for Social Science Innovation (QCSSI) defunded

- Queensland Plan – Qld Futures Institute?

- CIQ rollout 2013?

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From Jesuits to Jetsetters
**Bold Bhutan Beckons**
Inhaling Gross National Happiness

Tim Fischer & Tshering Tashi