

Equality

The ten richest Australians earn as much as the poorest four million, and the richest 20% of Australians consume 86% of goods. Female Australians earn 17% less on average than their male counterparts. Non-indigenous Australians are expected to live 10 years longer than indigenous Australians. When wealth and opportunity are more fairly distributed we see less incarceration, less domestic violence, less competition, less mental illness, less drug use, better physical health, better education, and greater life expectancy.

Question: How do we create a more fair and equitable Canberra?

Assets

- Highly educated population
- Public service values base
- Awareness exists of hidden disadvantage
- Great place to raise children
- Access to free amenities
- Natural environment
- Good education system
- Broad and diverse community service sector
- Good community spirit
- Skilled workforce
- Multicultural community
- Modern city with good infrastructure
- Increasing focus on prevention of domestic and family violence, preventative focus, increased awareness
- Human rights compliant prison
- Nature conservation – intergenerational equity
- Access to the city
- Public schooling
- Good infrastructure
- Open space network
- Active community
- Safe and active travel options
- Good governance
- Absence of public space advertising
- Government consultation
- Electoral system representation
- Renewable energy focus

- 'salt and pepper' public housing
- Strong economy
- Access to jobs
- Access to higher education
- Walkable neighbourhoods
- Good community services
- Law and order

Ideas and Implementation

- Transport – local mini-buses to service local communities
- Education – develop culture of volunteering
- Creation of more local hubs to increase access to services people need
- Community engagement on urban planning
- Improve housing affordability, including transition housing
- Promote civic community engagement. Create a sense of engagement and engage different generations
- Improve conditions for tenants
- Better treatment of homeless
- Shift transport budget to walking and cycling
- Parallel economy – public and social economy
- Increased transparency in allocation of government resources and rights.
- Reclaiming spaces – mapping safety of places for women and children
- Closing of internal city streets to cars
- Proper investment in housing stock, especially rentals. Improve standard and quality of housing
- Those who have less be given more in ways that increase the total wealth
- Universal basic income
- Utilise vacant buildings and creating more integrated social housing
- Working with people to achieve long-term solutions for social and economic wellbeing
- Integrated mobility system
- Public transport system that connects people to regular and reliable travel to where they need to go
- Increase car taxes
- Play streets for families
- Close the gender pay gap
- End extreme wealth
- Full employment
- Satisfactory living wage