## SA: State of Wellbeing

## Managing Competing Interests









#### "teach whole populations positive psychology skills and principles"

#### "addressing disadvantage, inequity, illness must continue"

#### Building the State of Wellbeing

A Strategy for South Australia

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#### Challenges

Individually and collectively we often face events or circumstances that have potential to negatively impact our wellbeing, particularly if the right supports and resources are not available to us.

#### Supports and resources

The things that are available to people that help to maintain or protect existing levels of wellbeing, or can be drawn on to enhance or promote wellbeing.



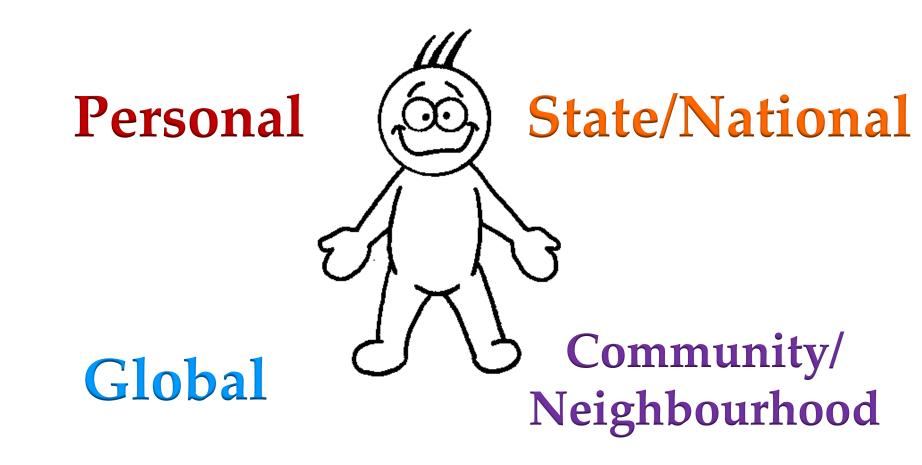
#### Aspirations and opportunities

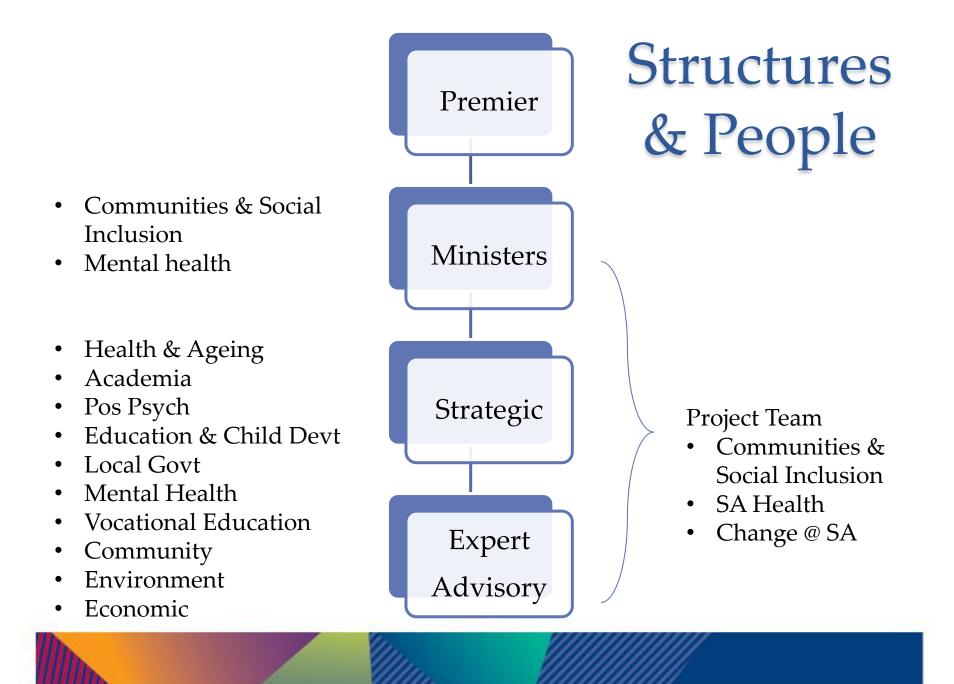
No matter our circumstances, we all want to live a better life. Access to the right supports and resources can help us realise our aspirations, and help us take hold of opportunities to improve our wellbeing.

\* Based on Dodge et al, International Journal of Wellbeing



### **Resources and Conditions**





## Learnings/reinforcements:

- Competing interests are valid
- Create a shared space to accommodate all
- Your job:
  - $\circ$  Is not to be expert
  - Is to find and bring together the experts
- Have good philosophical allies
- Share the thinking burden
- Listen

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