

Brisbane Scenario Thinking Workshop - Group "J"

Scenario "J" - Generation "S" (Sustainability)

2010-2016 - Impact. Rapid social and economic change which alters the way we are in a lasting way.
Emission Trading Scheme Introduced
Federal Government Takes Over Resource Development Decisions
Government Debt Increases
Government Revenue Stagnates
Second GFC Leads to Serious Economic Downturn
Need to reduce dependency on fossil fuel
Unemployment Rises
Costs of services rises dramatically
Homelessness and Crime Increases
Unemployment skyrockets in rural communities
Health and social outcome deteriorates
Maintain good quality agricultural land.
Banks back clean energy

2017-2022 - Consequences. Dealing with the consequences of the change. Compelled to think about strategies
Australia and Brazil enter Resource Management Cartel which fails
Develop Exit Strategies for Resource Regions
Connectivity and network technology drives local social and economic thinking
Size of QLD government reduced by 30%
New energy sources developed
New energy generation and uses
New industries launched in the region
Greens take control of government
Realign government services local/state/federal
User Pays - Means testing
Increased self-sufficiency of local communities
Referendum abolishes states
State governments abolished

2023-2030 - Adaptation - Creating a new future for us
Affordable new energy technologies
Think local, act local - new service delivery models
Corporate social responsibility replaces government services financed through community trusts and foundations
Individual home ownership ends
Local/Community industry and services
Shared/Community housing developed
Sustainable local economies developed
Increased inundation of coastal land
State governments a
Local responses, growing local, behaving local. Broader connection between local and international.
Health and wellbeing is managed and governed locally based on broad national policy agenda
Critical and high-risk services are managed regionally through a national scheme

Scenario: Creating Generation "S"

2010-2016

Impact. Rapid social and economic change which alters the way we are - in a lasting way.

Second economic stimulus doesn't work. Second package has no capacity to change anything because they are 'wicked' problems which are systemic.

- Rapid social dislocation and dysfunction- Social crises (homelessness, deteriorating occur and the traditional responses to them fail.
- Rapid monetary system dysfunction - a second GFC. A shift in what is seen as profitable - Less investment in 'old economy'.
- Energy crises - fossil fuels socially and economically unacceptable.

2017-2022

Adapting. Dealing with the consequences of the change. Compelled to think about new strategies.

Government is unable to respond or responds ineffectively, using 'old economy' strategies - something has to give because can't keep doing what was done before. Government decides they can't spend any more on infrastructure and focus on social spending - housing etc. which has impact on smaller communities.

Exploring new ways of doing things: new energy sources; high-connectivity infrastructure which generates new industry. People working more from home.

Government shrinks because it has become ineffective - decisions are made nationally and globally - unable to respond and no real influence over the 'wicked' problems. States eventually abolished. Local level economy and self-sufficiency and influence is growing - socially, economically and energy.

2023-2030

Generation- Creating a new future

Local responses, growing local, behaving local. Broader connection between local and international.

Affordable new energy, technologies and connectivity are central to development of sustainability locally. Connectivity makes local-level economies more viable - network society provide economic powerhouse.

Governance in relation to social response is much more localized and socialized and therefore responsive and immediate. However critical high risk services are managed through national-local partnerships.

Business community partnerships, in the form of trusts are created to finance local level service delivery.

Governance arrangements, especially locally, are more socially driven.

National industry zones become mandated. 'Dirty' industry thrives in mandated regional heavy industry zones.