

# ACGR 2026

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# Welcome to South Australia and Flinders University



Flinders University acknowledges the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the lands and waters on which its campuses are located, these are the Traditional Lands of the Arrernte, Dagoman, First Nations of the South East, First Peoples of the River Murray & Mallee region, Jawoyn, Kurna, Larrakia, Ngadjuri, Ngarrindjeri, Ramindjeri, Warumungu, Wardaman and Yolngu people. We honour their Elders past, present and emerging.

Today, over **400 ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER STUDENTS** are enrolled in courses at Flinders University.



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**Agenda 2035**  
**Impact. With Purpose.**

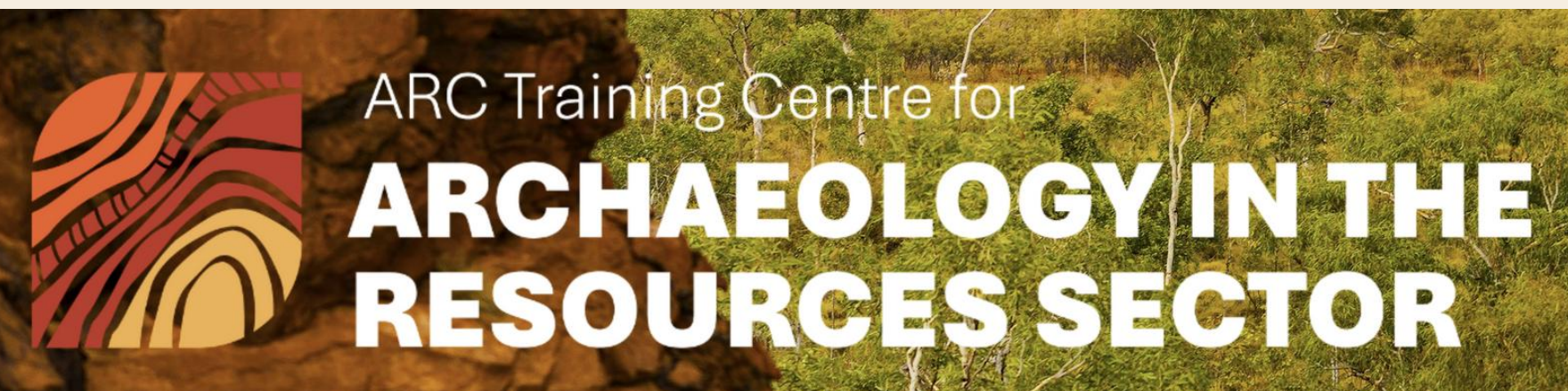


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**CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE  
FOR PRISONER REINTEGRATION**



**Breaking the Cycle: Working together for a safer future**



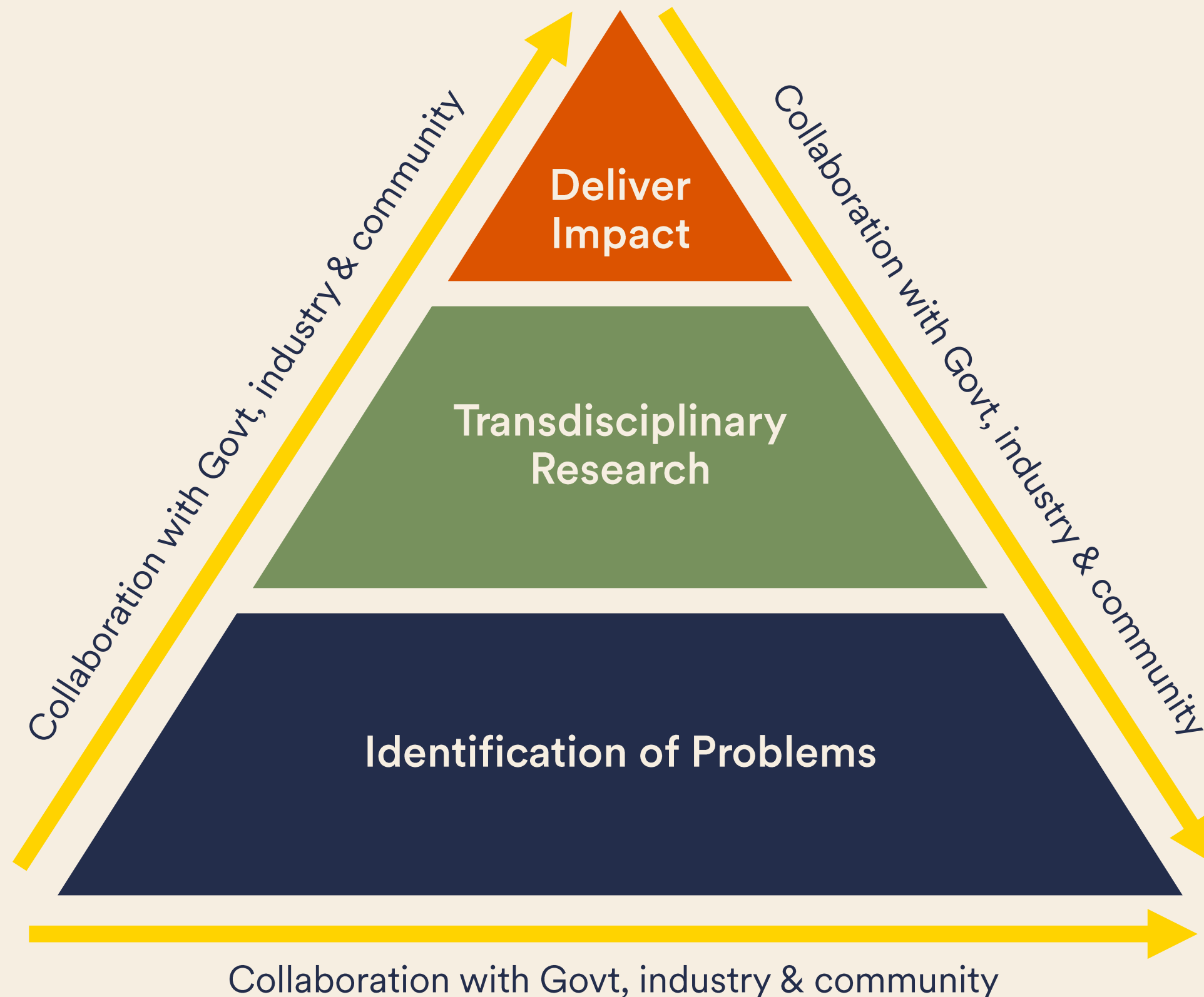
# The Day and Week Ahead

We have an exciting day (and week) ahead

- Gen AI
- Industry Engagement
- HDR Policy
- Etc...

Rather than speaking about Flinders' successes I decided to focus on our approach

# The Flinders approach



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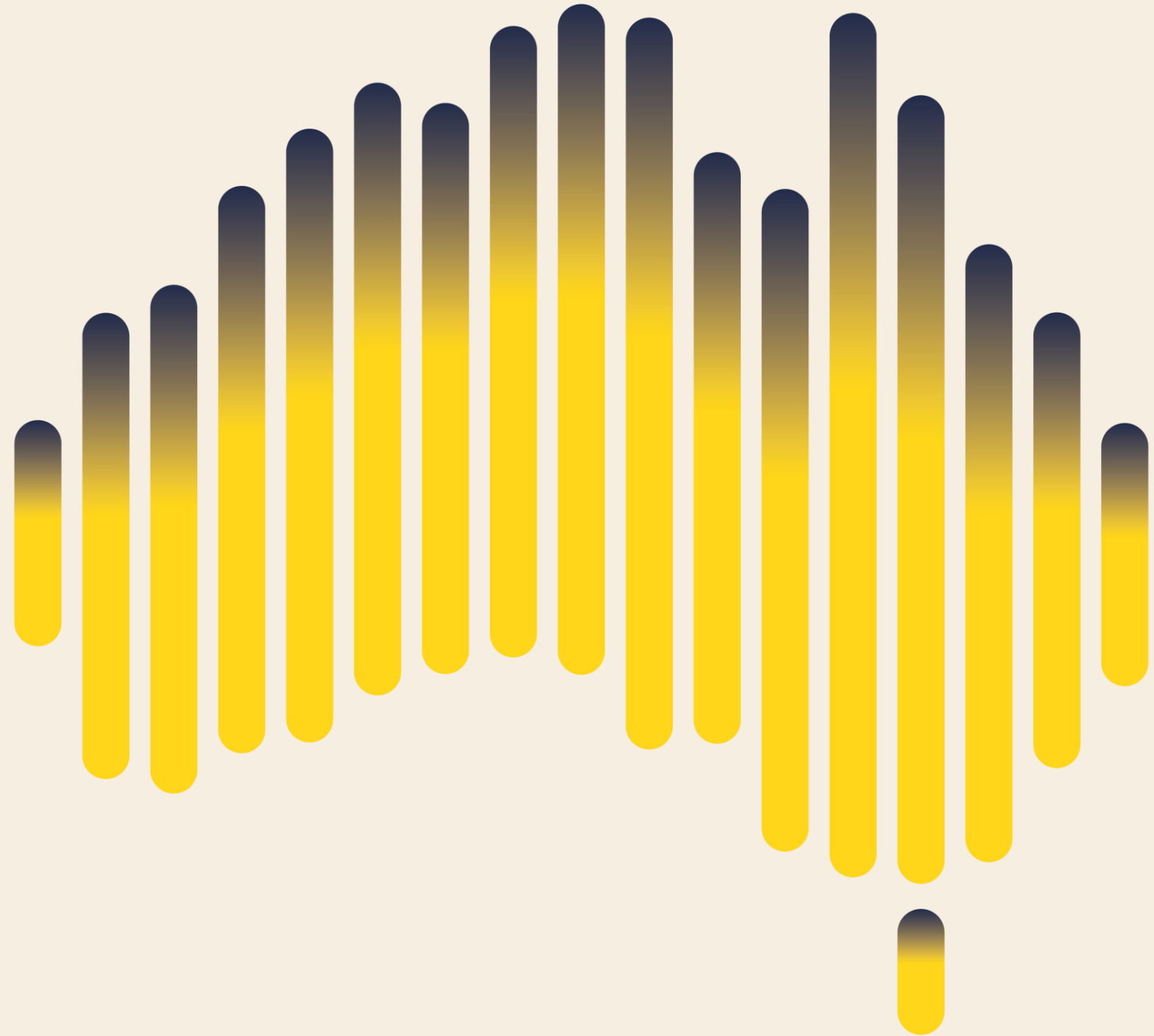
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# WICKED PROBLEMS REPORT

2025

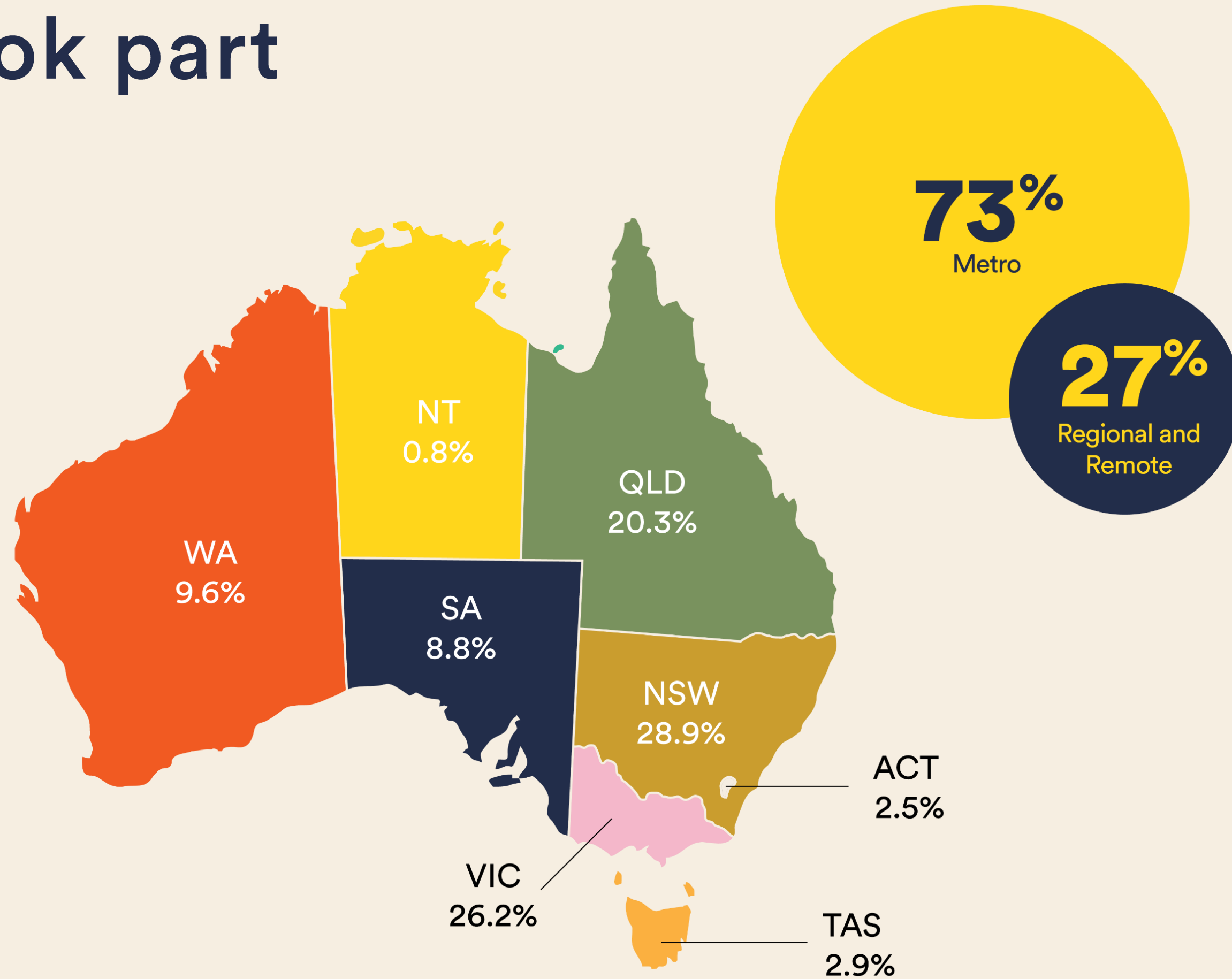




We asked **30,000**  
**Australians from across**  
**the nation** to voice the  
problems that matter to  
them the most in their  
everyday lives.



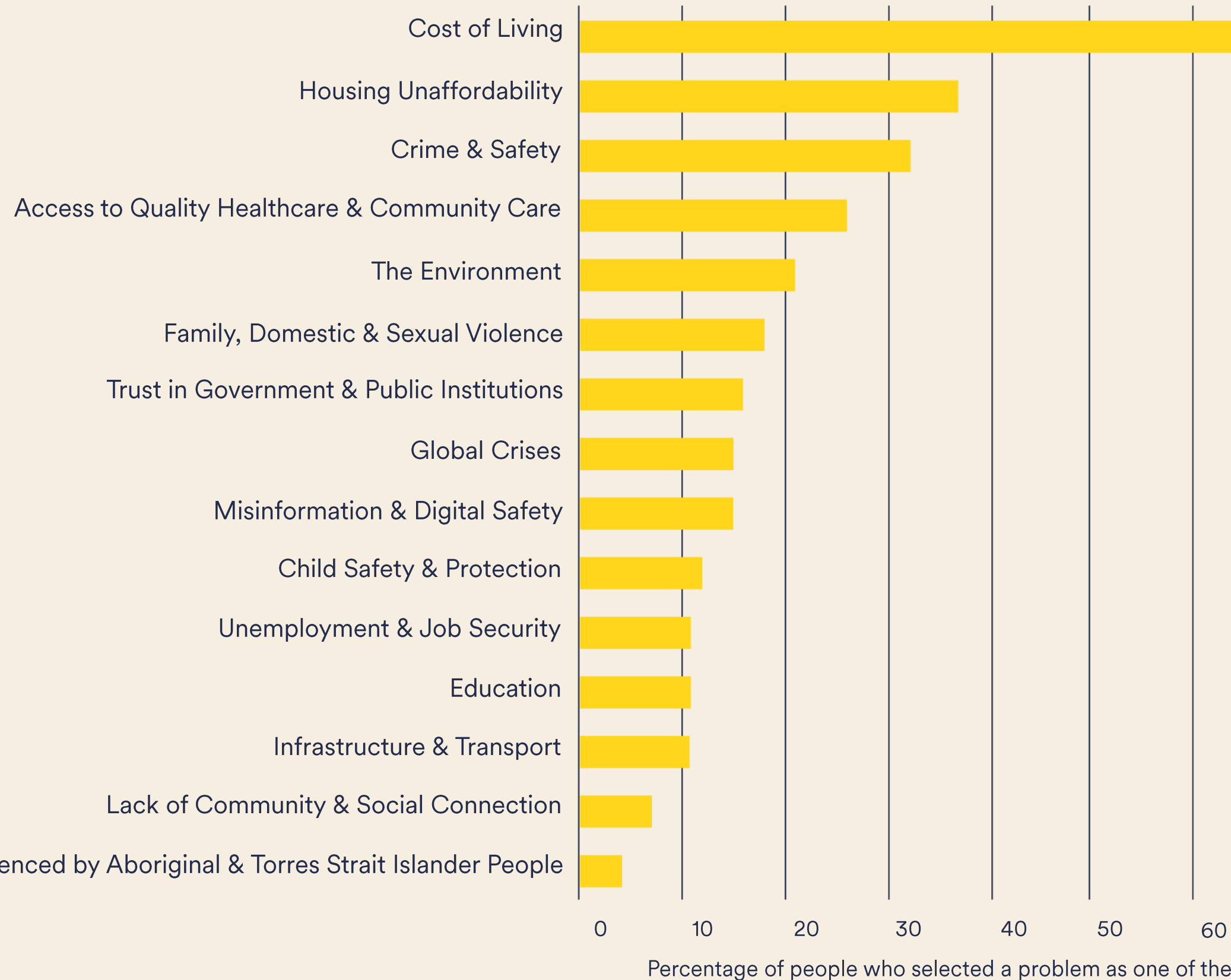
# Who took part



# National Findings



# Australians identified 15 Wicked Problems



**Sub-set  
questions**

**90k Free Text  
Responses**

Download the report:



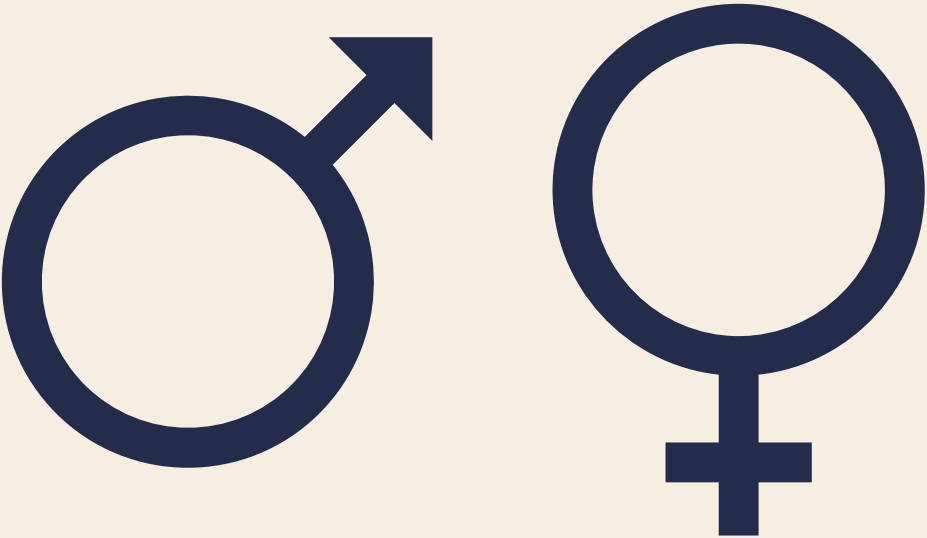
Location



Generations



Gender



1M+

reach for Wicked Problems Initiative

140K +

engagement with articles across research topics identified in the report

**Wicked Problems**  
THE ISSUES THAT MATTER MOST TO SOUTH AUSTRALIANS

**How we can improve a healthcare system under strain**

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- 1. How we can improve a healthcare system under strain
- 2. Can taking food that's left over be better?
- 3. Thinking outside the box to cut costs
- 4. Innovative solutions transforming our communities
- 5. Can the lucky country help those that need it most?
- 6. South Australia's Top 10 Wicked Problems

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### The most severe consequence of the housing crisis and what can be done

As Australians deal with rising rents and mortgage repayments, more people are facing housing insecurity and its most severe consequence - homelessness. Here's how these people can be supported.

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### We need to change how we deal with domestic violence. Here's how

From stronger workplace protections to safer disaster responses and greater awareness of forced marriages—South Australia is helping lead the way to protect women and children from abuse and drive real change in communities across the state and beyond.

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# Wicked Problems is about Solutions

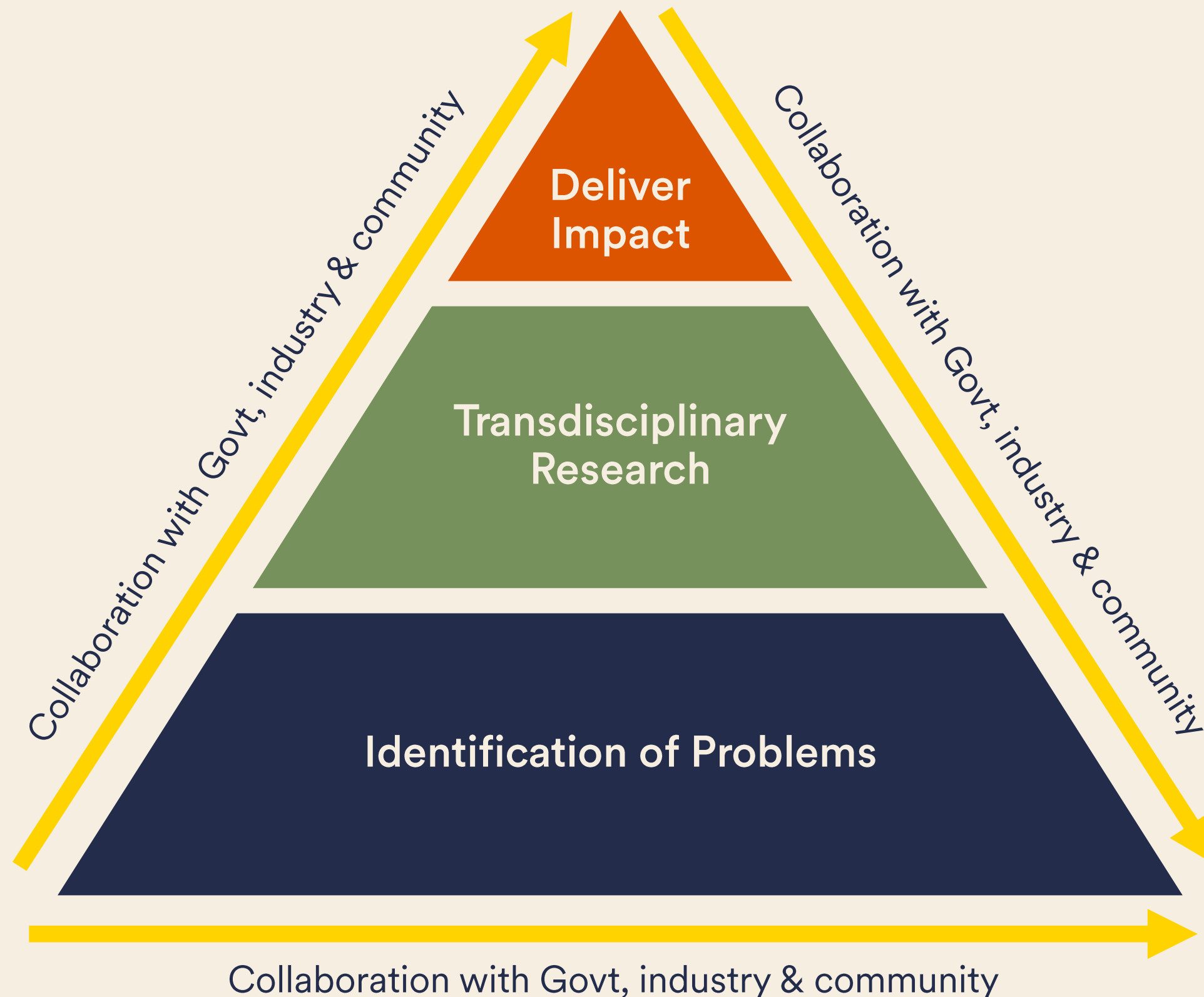
## Wicked Problems Scholars: Solutions through HDR Training

### PhD scholarships dedicated to driving solutions



- > Growing biodiverse food
- > Healthcare access and social connection
- > Factors influencing housing outcomes for young people
- > Active fatherhood self-care programs for new dads
- > AI-driven policy informatics
- > Mainstreaming marginalised young people's perspectives
- > and more

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