A LENS TO EXAMINE AND CHALLENGE THE WAY WE BUILD GOVERNMENT PROGRAM THEORY

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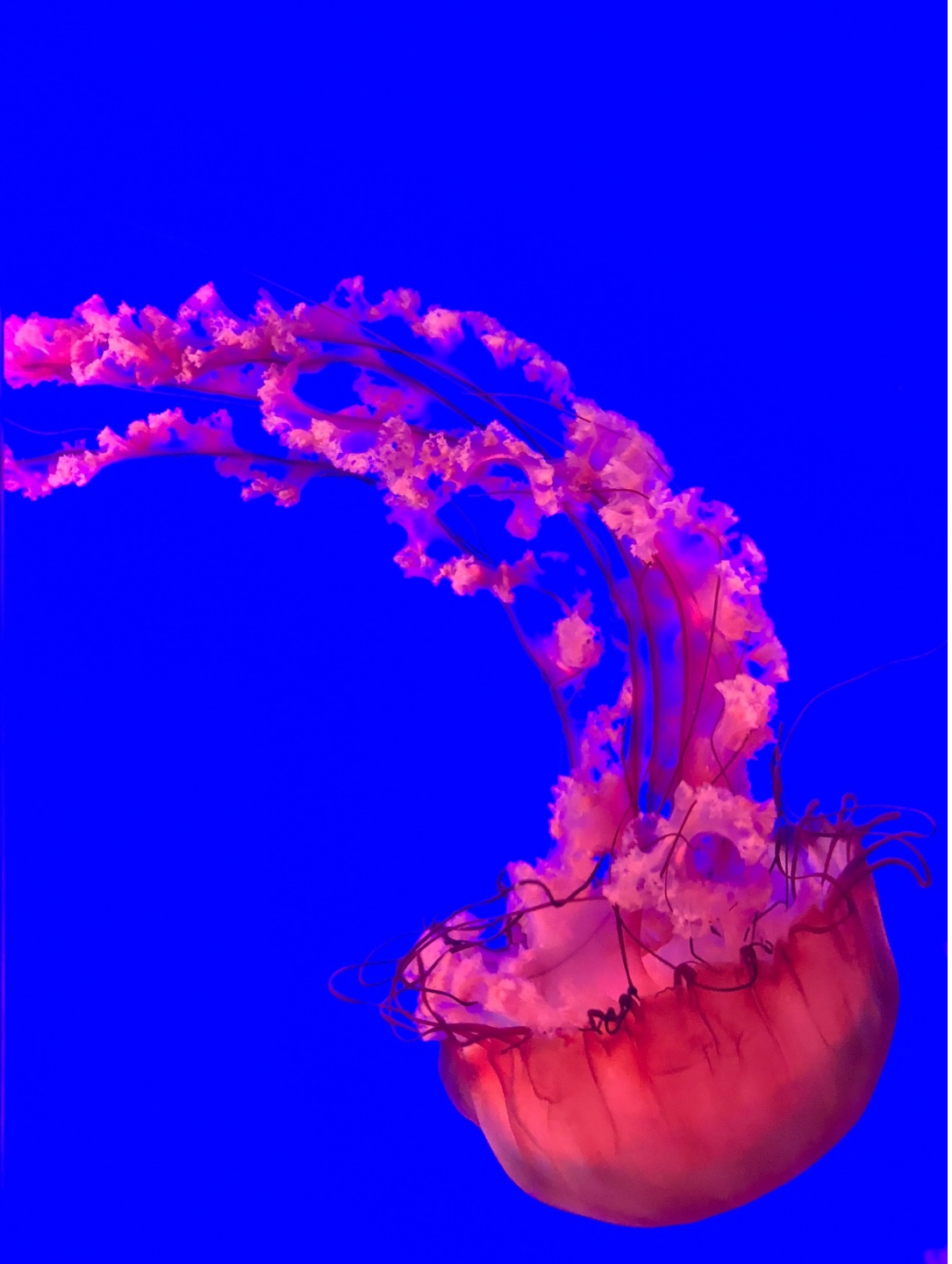

EVALUATION IS FOR ALL

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WHAT'S A POLICY PACKAGE?

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WHAT'S A PROGRAM THEORY?

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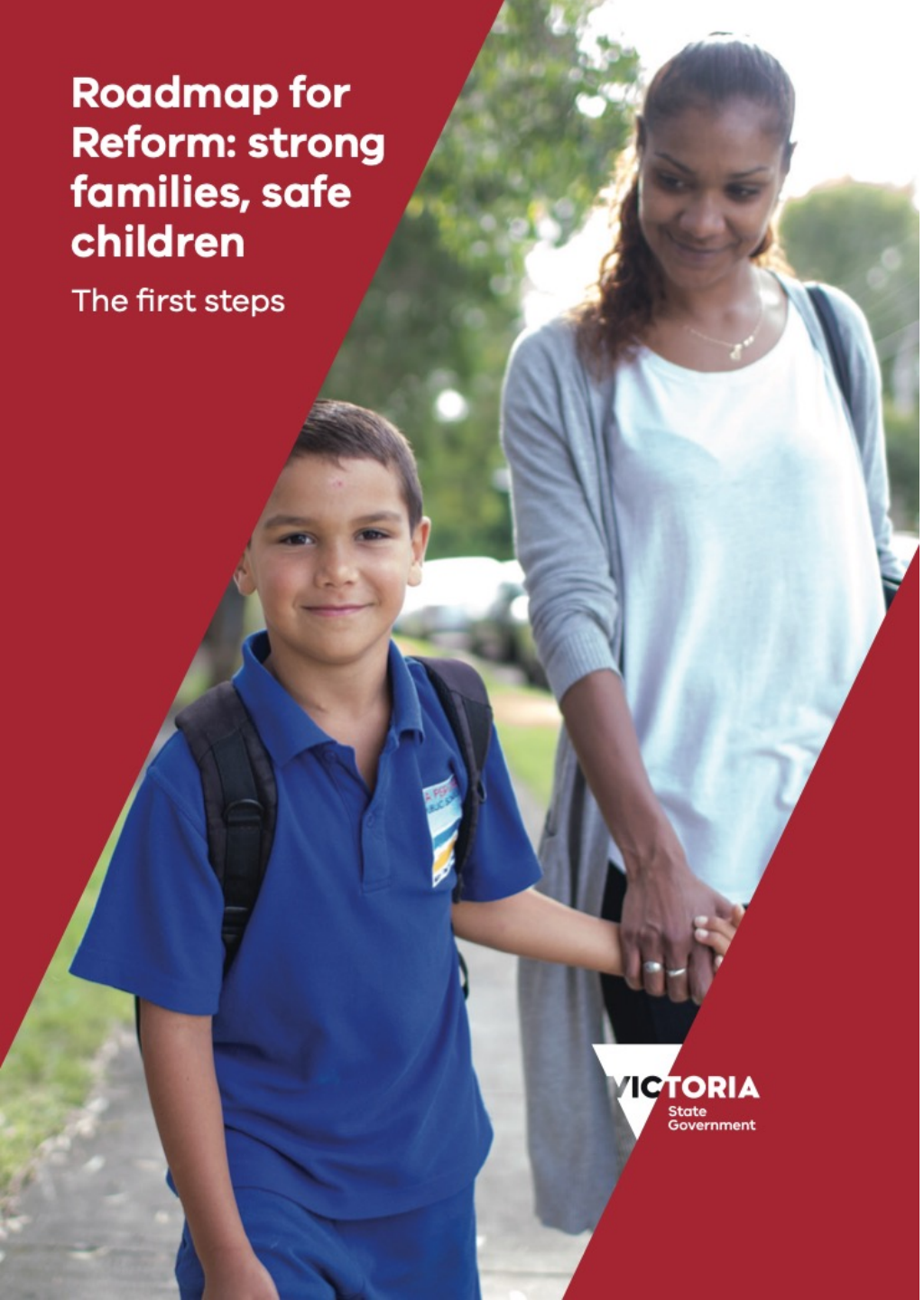
Roadmap for Reform: strong families, safe children

The first steps



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Delivering reforms to improve aged care

Government and providers are working together to improve aged care. We want to help all older people in Australia get high quality aged care where and when they need it.

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Reforms delivered
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We invite you to stay involved in the reforms. To engage with us about the aged care reforms, visit the Aged Care Engagement Hub.

Reforms delivered

May 2023

- Funded Fair Work Commission's decision on the Aged Care Work Value case of a 15% increase to award wages for aged care workers to take effect from 30 June 2023.

April 2023

- Monthly Care Statements for residential aged care. Stage 2 of the pilot underway to improve the quality of information shared between a residential aged care home and its residents.
- New IT System, Government Provider Management System (GPMS) launched. Over time it will allow for greater connectivity and data sharing between aged care providers and government.
- Six additional Aged Care Quality Indicators for residential aged care providers were introduced. We have expanded the Quality Indicators (QI) Program to include 6 additional quality indicators.
- New Council of Elders Chair appointed.

WE ARE BUSY

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BETTER PROGRAM THEORY MAKES FOR BETTER POLICY

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COMPLETE AND…

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ROBUST METHODS

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1. BOUNDARIES

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2. CLEARLY DEFINED VARIABLES

- INTENDED AND POTENTIAL OUTCOMES

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3. CAUSAL PATH WITH CLEARLY DEFINED RELATIONSHIPS - NECESSARY AND SUFFICIENT CONDITIONS

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	Characteristic	Sub characteristic
Characteristics for completeness	Boundaries	
	Clearly defined variables	
		Intended and potential outcomes
	Causal path with clearly defined relationships	
		Necessary and sufficient conditions for the causal links to work
Characteristics for relevance to public administration	Link to the social policy problem	
	Purpose of the program theory	

	Characteristic	Sub characteristic	Inclusions
Characteristics for completeness	Boundaries		- What is in scope and out of scope of the program theory - Whom the theory applies to, when it applies, and where it applies
	Clearly defined variables		- Variables in the causal path from treatment to outcomes identified
		Intended and potential outcomes	- Sequence of outcomes to explain what success looks like (intended outcomes) - Potential (non-intended) outcomes
	Causal path with clearly defined relationships		- Relationships between variables
		Necessary and sufficient conditions for the causal links to work	- Contextual assumptions behind the causal path (the events and conditions that need to happen for the link to work)
Characteristics for relevance to public administration	Link to the social policy problem		- Social policy problem - Intended outcomes linked to problem
	Purpose of the program theory		- Intended use of the theory

WHAT DOES GOOD LOOK LIKE?

Characteristic	Sub characteristic	Inclusions	Relevant virtues ('goodness')
	Intended and potential outcomes		- Parsimony: Few and clear definitions of outcomes, simple and comprehensible selection of outcome variables - Internal consistency: plausible connection between i. policy package and intended and potential outcomes and ii. outcomes.

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