# Digital Innovation & Prevention / Early Intervention

Presentation to the Productivity Commission December 2016



# Agenda

1. Digital innovation



2. Prevention & early intervention

# Digital Innovation - Links

#### **Digital Innovation**

http://www.digitalinnovation.pwc.com.au/

### Digital for Small and Medium Enterprises

http://www.digitalinnovation.pwc.com.au/small-business-digital-growth/

#### Digital for Government

<a href="http://www.digitalinnovation.pwc.com.au/digital-innovation-for-government/">http://www.digitalinnovation.pwc.com.au/digital-innovation-for-government/</a>

### **Start Up Economy**

https://www.digitalpulse.pwc.com.au/wpcontent/uploads/2013/04/PwC-Google-The-startup-economy-2013.pdf

# We are facing a technology change singularity

- Historic point in the maturing of multiple technologies
- Feeding into each other and combining with globalisation to accelerate change
- The result will be a technology change singularity over the coming decades
- Visible major disruptions already emerging eg Amazon, Uber, Airbnb, etc
- Emerging disruptions eg banking, education, health
- Government is not immune
- Threats and opportunities for Australia

# We need to focus as a nation on building our innovation eco-system

## **Venture Capital**

 Over the last 10 years, the US has spent \$285b in VC versus \$4.5b in Australia with key gaps across the ecosystem

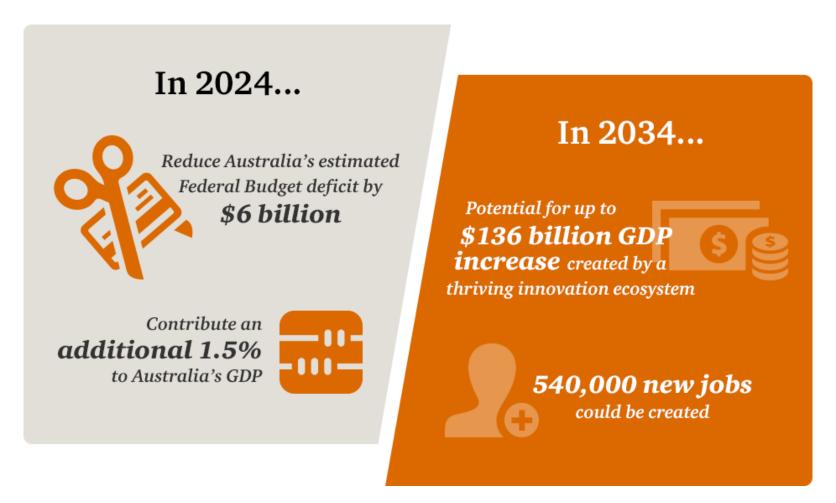
#### Research & Development

• Over 50% of Business R&D is concentrated in physical capital industries and we lag in our ability to commercialise

#### **Education**

• STEM course completions have fallen from 22% to 16% (2002 to 2012) whilst our Asian neighbours increase (52% in Singapore 2012)

# Digital Innovation benefits



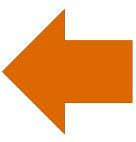
#### Role for Government?

- Be the creator of innovation opportunities
- Shore the skill base
- Incentivise innovation
- Put digital and citizen first

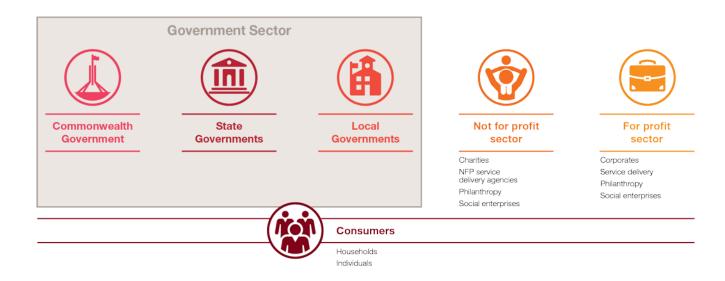
# **Actions SMEs** PwC estimates \$49.2 billion of untapped economic potential (NPV, 10 years) 53% rural and regional Government **Digital** - Actions to build innovation Innovation **Ecosystem** Regulation **Design thinking NCP style review More targeted that NCP**

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# Australia's social purpose market



In April 2016, PwC & the Centre for Social Impact launched a report on Australia's social purpose market:

- Over \$510 bn is spent each year on health, education, social security & housing
- Governments contribute 80% (55% by the Commonwealth)
- 7 key areas that can yield productivity gains emerged, including prevention / early intervention

Hypothesis: there is massive underinvestment in prevention & early intervention

# Prevention / early intervention vs Acute



#### **Victorian Royal Commission into Family Violence:**

- 227 recommendations
- 3 'prevention' category recommendations

# South Australian Child Protection Systems Royal Commission:

- 260 recommendations
- 5 prevention / early intervention recommendations



# Political economy









- Primary before there is a problem
- Secondary early warning signs
- Tertiary better managing chronic states

#### Reform narrative

- Prevention is better than cure
- Early childhood & children
- Less institutional barriers
- Economic case
- Budget repair

#### **Barriers**

- Longer term nature of benefits
- \$ away from frontline services
- Lack of confidence in execution & delivery of benefits



# Early childhood

- Early childhood is an opportunity to influence health, education & employment outcomes later in life
- PwC's 2014 report demonstrated the **potential benefits of quality education and care** to the Australian economy:



Benefits of increased female workforce participation

\$6.0 bn cumulative to 2050. or

\$3.7 bn in NPV terms

**Benefits for children** receiving a quality education and care program

Up to

\$10.3 bn

cumulative to 2050. or

in NPV terms\*

**Benefits of increased** participation of vulnerable children

\$13.3 bn

cumulative to 2050. or

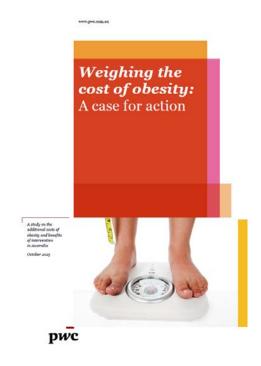
\$2.7 bn

in NPV terms

# **Obesity**

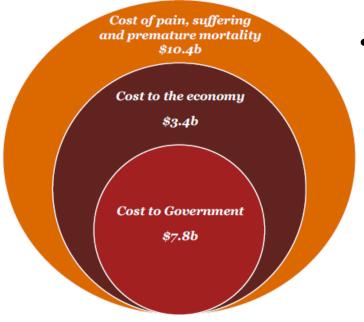
- Australian prevalence has increased 47% between 1995 and 2011-12
- Associated **risk factor for a range of diseases** eg CVD, musculoskeletal disease, mental health issues, diabetes, cancer etc.

- PwC report for Obesity Australia projected obesity would cost Australia \$88 bn over 10 years
- Suite of prevention & interventions has potential benefits of \$2.1 bn over 10 years



#### Domestic violence

- Half of all women experience violence, abuse or stalking from age 15+
- PwC report estimated violence against women costs Australia \$21.7 bn a
   year



- Potential lifetime benefits of reducing violence against women:
  - >\$35.6 m from community
     mobilisation programs
  - >\$2.2 bn from individual & direct
     participation programs

## **Actions**

Early Childhood
- Finish the reforms COAG started

Access

Quality

**System Design** 

**Place based** 

#### **COAG Reform Package (or Sectoral?)**

- Tailored to each jurisdiction
- Pooled funding / governance
- Outcome focussed incentives
  - Transparent measurement
    - Agile implementation
      - Include place based

Health

**Justice** 

**Human Services** 

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