

ACT Sector Sustainability Program 2023-2028

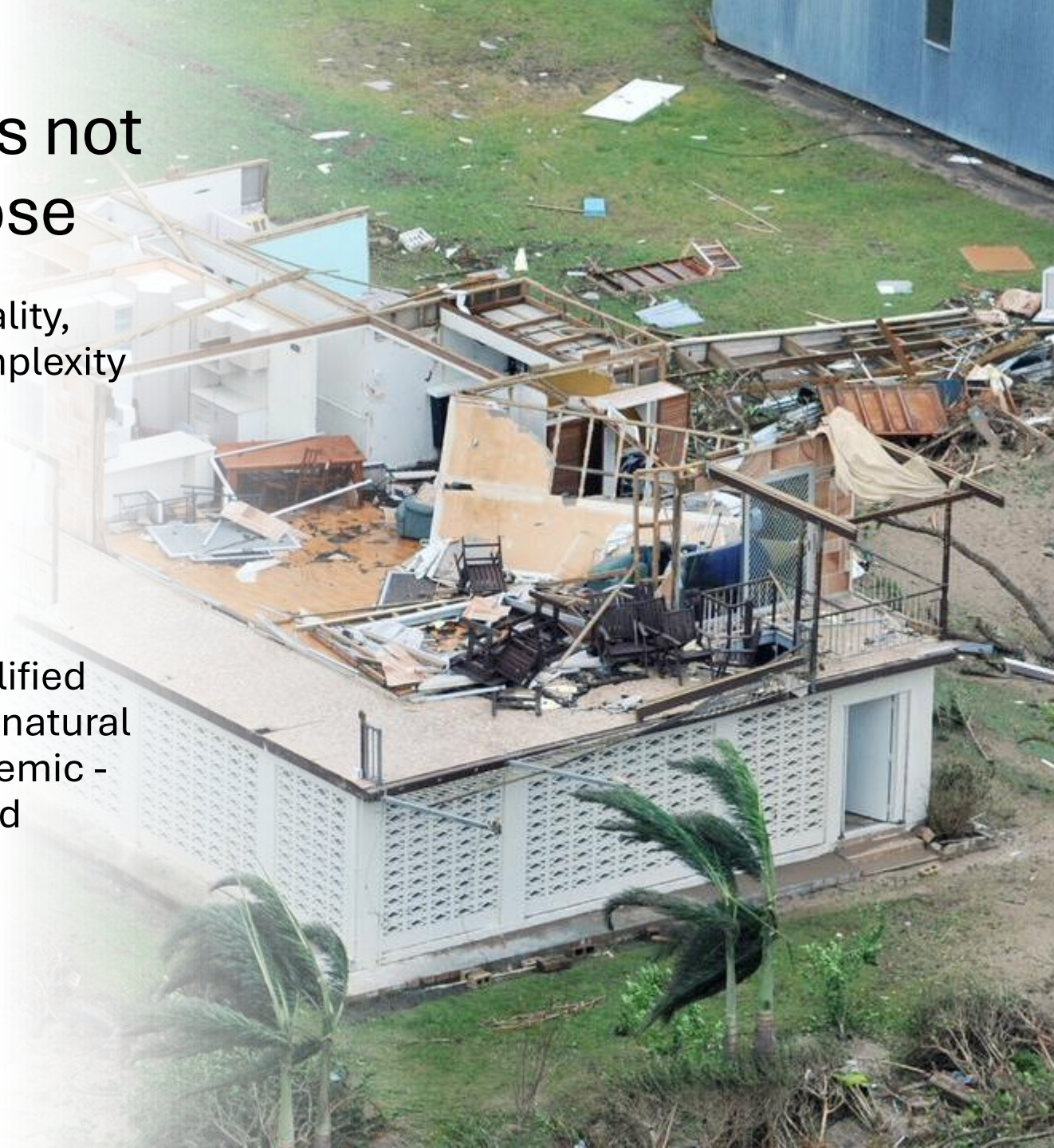
A Grand Design

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The House is not Fit for Purpose

- Increasing inequality, adversity and complexity
- Funding gaps
- Capacity gaps
- Capability gaps

Challenges all amplified and accelerated by natural disasters and pandemic - lockdown phase and subsequent cost of living crunch



Design Concept: Sustainability

- ACT Community Services Industry Strategy 2016-2026 Vision:

- Inclusive
- Equitable
- Sustainable

Challenges:

- Ambition vs Capacity
- Objectives vs Authorisation
- Momentum vs Inertia



New Build Foundations and Framing

- ACT State of the Sector Report 2016 [State_of_the_community_service_sector_in_ACT_2016_FINAL.pdf \(unsw.edu.au\)](#)
- Human Services Reform Agenda 2020-2030
- Counting the Costs Research 2021 [2021-report-Counting-the-Costs_1.pdf \(actcoss.org.au\)](#)
- Paying What it Takes Report 2022 [Paying-what-it-takes.pdf \(socialventures.com.au\)](#)
- Commissioning Road Map 2022-2024 [Commissioning-Roadmap-2022-2024.pdf \(act.gov.au\)](#)
- ACT Government Response to CTC Recommendations 2023 [Counting-the-Costs-Sustainable-Funding-for-the-ACT-community-services-sector-report.pdf](#)



Construction Progressing

- Start-Up Phase 2023-24 Co-Leads appointed
- Indexation Formula 80:20
- Ongoing investment 2025-2028

Start-Up Phase
balancing:

- Practical changes
- Systemic reform




Construction Site Disrupters

- Power Asymmetry
- Generating & Maintaining Momentum
- All Promise No Action

"The Sector Sustainability Program is the **first in a series of steps** the ACT Government will take on moving to a **sustainable resourcing and relationship model** with the community sector in the ACT ..."

"The Sector Sustainability Program will see the ACT Government and the community sector partner together in **assessing opportunities and risks to make sure funding adequately reflects the real cost of services, as well as the impact of increased demand.**"

A photograph of three women in traditional Indian clothing (sarees) walking in a village street. Each woman is carrying a large, rectangular brick balanced on her head. The woman on the left is wearing a pink and orange sari, the middle woman is wearing a red and orange sari, and the woman on the right is wearing a green and white sari. They are all smiling and looking towards the camera. In the background, there are buildings and a motorcycle parked on the street.

Ensuring the Build is Progressing

DIPLOMATIC ENGAGEMENT

- Co-Production
- Shared Governance led by Sector
- Two way information flow

ALLIANCES

- Motivated by Doing
- Willing to leverage expertise & influence
- Practical Tools for the early adopters

The Big Reveal

- Committed to the Grand Design
- Still in the Caravan
- Ecosystem informed & Appreciative Inquiry mindset
- Keen to work with others to strengthen design and generate more momentum on construction

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Questions and Comments

