# The state of the social economy in Australia

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## Agenda

- Introduction to Social Traders
- Sector and market development in Australia
- Social enterprise development approaches
- Social procurement
- Social finance investment market in Australia
- Conclusions
- Questions and discussion

# **Introduction to Social Traders**

# Social Traders is Australia's leading social enterprise development organisation

Established in 2008 with joint funding from Victorian State
 Government and a private foundation



- Based in Melbourne, we work with social enterprises nationally
- Our work focuses on building the capability of start-up and early-stage enterprises
- We are a learning and collaborative organisation.

### **Our strategy**

#### **Our vision**

Social Traders' vision is a world where the market is used to deliver more sustainable and long-lasting solutions to social problems.

#### **Our mission**

To support the growth and understanding of social enterprise in Australia.



## Our enterprise support eco-system



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INSPIRE & LEARN

**START** 

**GROW** 

**BUY** 

## Collaboration is a key factor in our success

#### **Program Partners**























#### **Procurement Partners**































#### **Research Partners**













#### **Sector Partners**













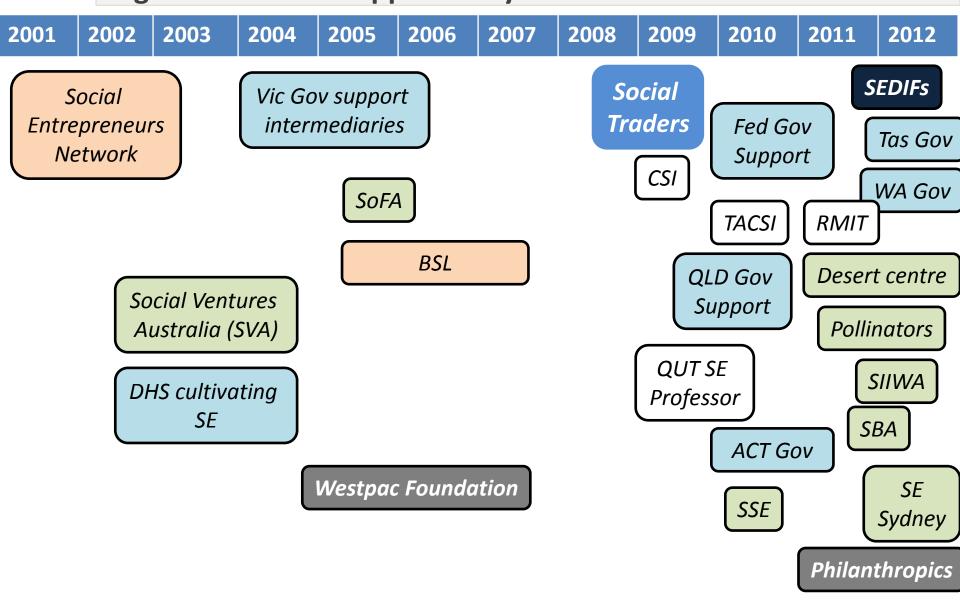






# Sector and market development in Australia

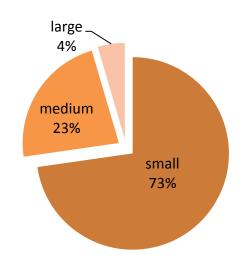
# Momentum is growing in Australia, majority of intermediary organisations are supported by Government funds

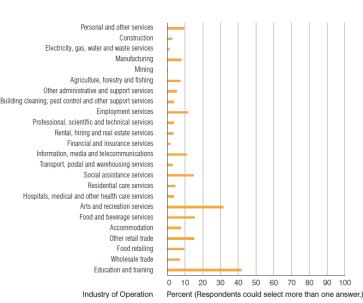




# **Key statistics on social enterprise in Australia**

- 20,000 social enterprises in Australia
- Growth rate of 37% over past 5 years
- Two thirds are > 10 years old
- Operate in all industry segments
- Estimated to account for 2-3% of GDP
- Growing interest from government, corporates, philanthropy and consumers
- 45% of non-profit's revenue is from trading activities.





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#### What is Social Enterprise!

Organisations that are led by a social benefit and trade to fulfil their















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# SOCIAL ENTERPRISE BUILDER















#### Stage 1: Understanding Social Enterprise

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Expected time commitment: 1-2 days

Outcome: A thorough understanding of what social enterprise is and the implications of starting one.

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# **Study Tours**



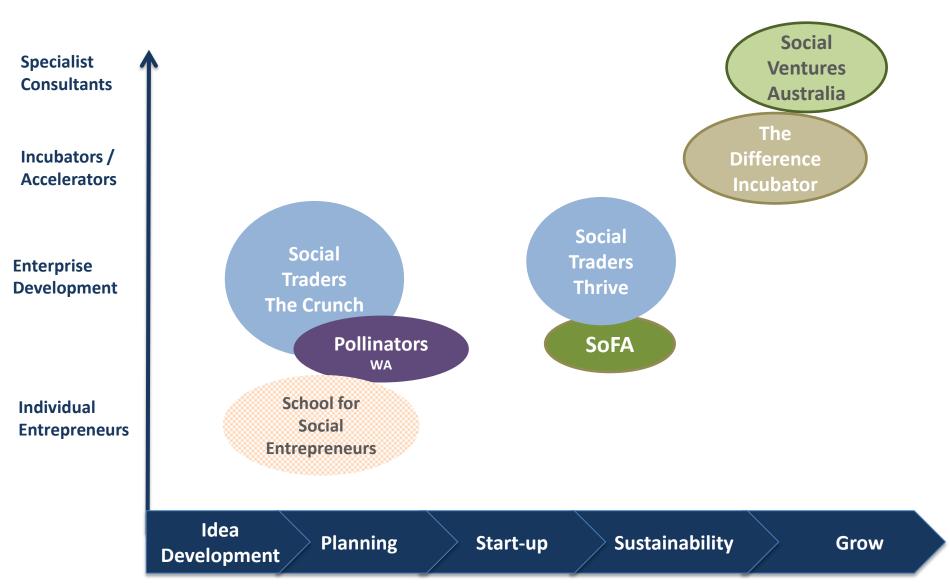
# **Introduction to Social Enterprise Workshop**



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# Specialist capacity building support exists but is still limited and fragmented



## Social Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Enterprise Alliance

- Established in 2010 with 15 members
- Represents the diverse views a best practice approach to growing the social economy in Australia

#### **Alliance Members**







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#### **Recent initiatives of the SIEE Alliance**

- Research report into the Role of Specialist Support and Financial Intermediaries in Australia
- Inaugural 2013 Australian Social Enterprise Awards
- Creation of the Social Enterprise Manifesto by the alliance of 14 specialist social innovation organisations
- The establishment of Social Procurement Australasia to support Government to engage with social procurement

# Reaching Underserved Varkets

The Role of Specialist Financial Intermediaries in Australia



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Three key roles of specialist financial intermediaries in relation to social enterprise:

- Building investment-readiness;
- Providing demand-led finance opportunities;
- Growing and balancing the supply of capital.



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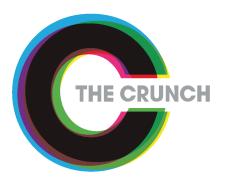




# Social enterprise development approaches and initiatives

# Another enterprising idea from **SUCIALTRADERS**

The Crunch is Social Traders' flagship incubation program for startups.



- Develop social enterprise trading capability
- Focus on business planning and viability of idea
- Leverage expertise via business mentors
- Builds investment readiness of social enterprise to accept start-up capital

# Investing in Capability: New approaches to social enterprise support October 2013

By Social Traders

Ongoing support is key to long-term viability

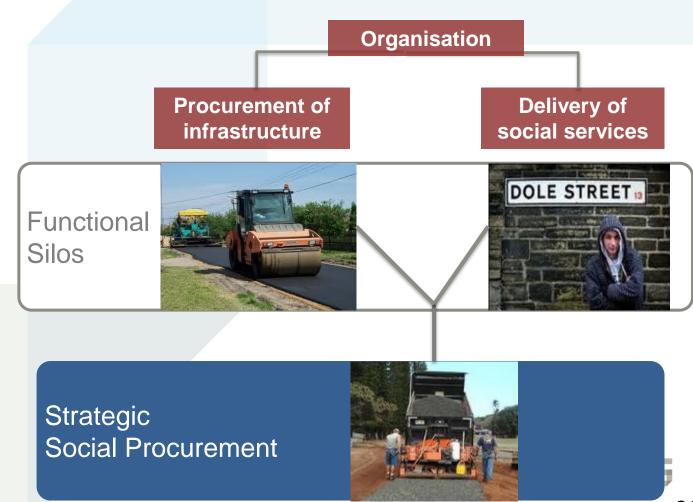
- Tailored individual support
- Ability to broker or purchase specialist skills
- Skilled people with social enterprise expertise
- Making hard decisions
- Group learning and networking
- Differing needs depending on stage of life cycle
- Focus on skills transfer and self sufficiency



# **Social Procurement**

#### What is it?

Social procurement involves organisations and individuals choosing to buy a good or service as well as a social outcome.



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#### **Local Government Case Studies**

- Great Lakes Council (Social Procurement Winner at 2013 Social Enterprise Awards) has been buying waste management services from Renewable Recyclers, a local social enterprise and the largest indigenous employer in the region, for 21 years. Great Lakes Council won the award for Social Procurement SE Supporter of the Year.
- Toowoomba Council outsourced management of its tip weighbridges to Ability Enterprises in 2013, creating over 40 jobs for people with mental health issues.
- Gold Coast Council will offer tender opportunities directly to 'social benefit suppliers' – providing employment opportunities for the city's most disadvantaged.



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#### SOCIAL PROCUREMENT = BUYING GOODS, SERVICES & INFRASTRUCTURE + SOCIAL OUTCOMES

We are here to help you find out what you need to know about social procurement.



#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Social and Sustainable Procurement Forum
 This practical half day workshop in Sydney will explore strategies to achieve social,

#### SOCIAL PROCUREMENT AUSTRALASIA

Social Procurement Australasia exists to support the growing demand for guidance, networking, and development in this

# WHY IS SOCIAL PROCUREMENT IMPORTANT?

Social procurement has a significant role to play in addressing inequality in Australia Social finance & investment market in Australia

# **State of Social Investment Report**



# IMPACT—Australia

Investment for social and economic benefit

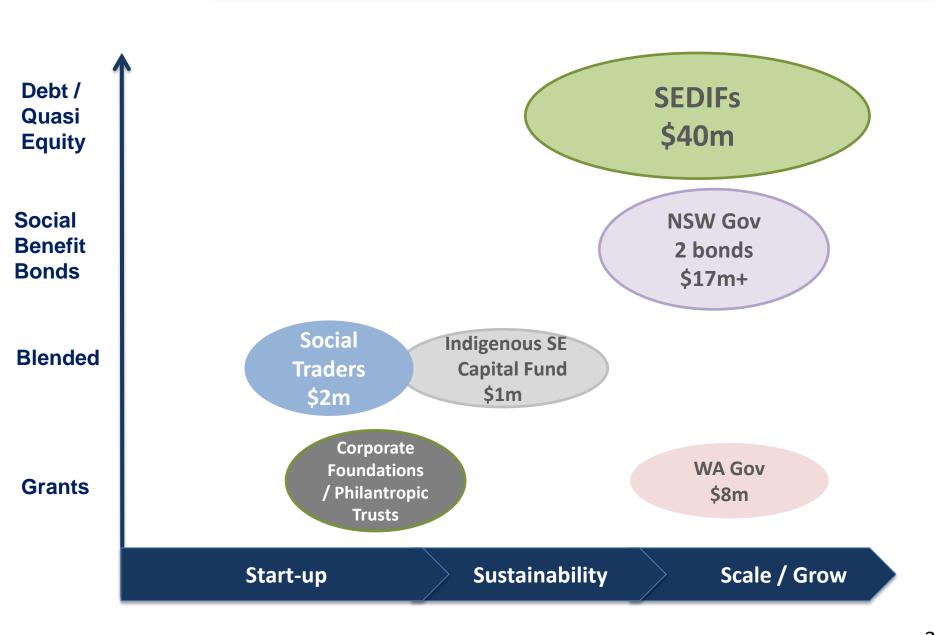
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## The report covers.....

- The current landscape of impact investing
  - ☐ Who is providing finance
  - Examples from NP, government and intermediary sectors
- Challenges and opportunities
  - ☐ Enabling environment
  - ☐ Supply and demand participants
  - Intermediation
- A Call to Action

## An emerging investment market for social enterprise



## **Social Impact Bonds**

- Operating in UK
- Under development in UK, USA and Australia
- NSW Government is developing three Social Benefit Bonds
- Delivery and outcomes take time
- "Jury is still out"

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# **Summary and Conclusions**

#### **Conclusion**

- More resourcing for capacity building and investment readiness on both demand and supply sides
- 2) Specialist intermediaries have key role to play in enterprise and market development
- 3) Government and private business can open market opportunities for social sector organisations and enterprises via procurement
- 4) Growth in social investment requires attention on key dynamics of the marketplace
- 5) Collective action, collaboration and networking will make a difference

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# **Questions & Discussion**