



New Paradigms for Regions and their Cities

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Introduction

- Defining the new paradigm
- Three questions about cities and regions
- The importance of evidence and analytics
- So what?

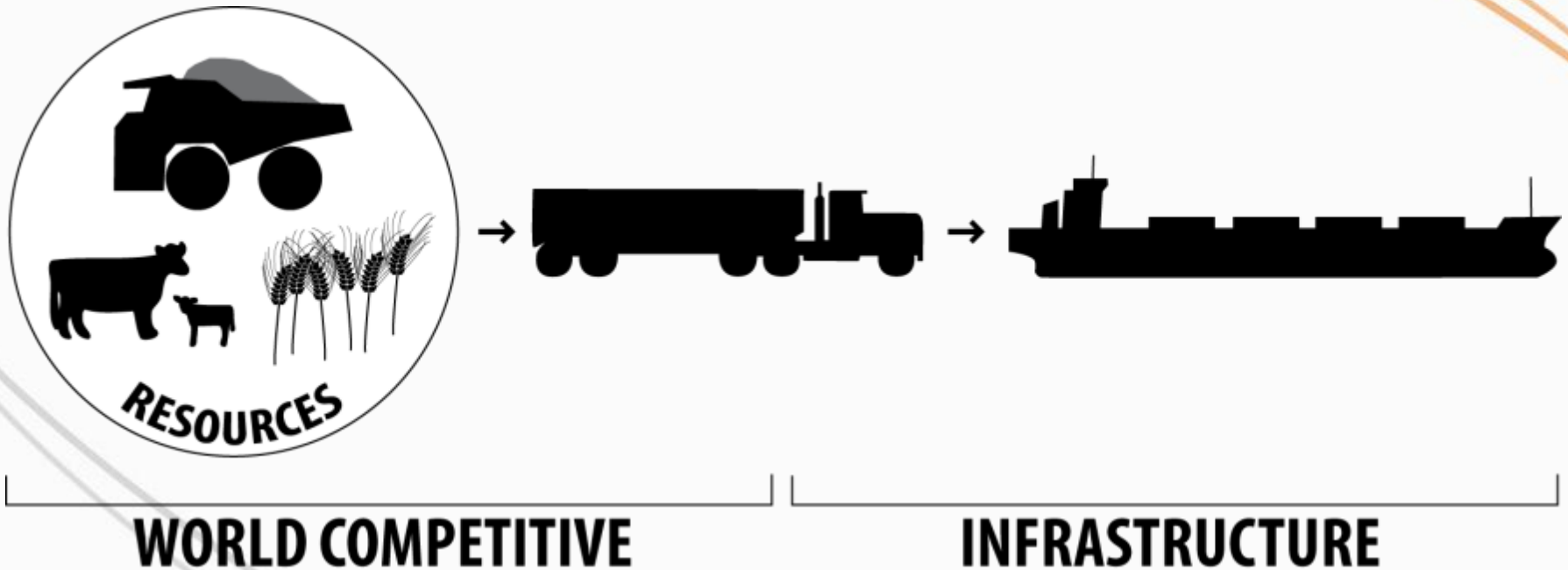
What is the new paradigm?

- Viable, diverse, sustainable, multi-generational communities
- Grows from localisation to urbanisation
- Redefines why we exist and where we're going
- Regional cities as substitutes to the major centres
- Economic development & diversity drives spatial planning & amenity provision

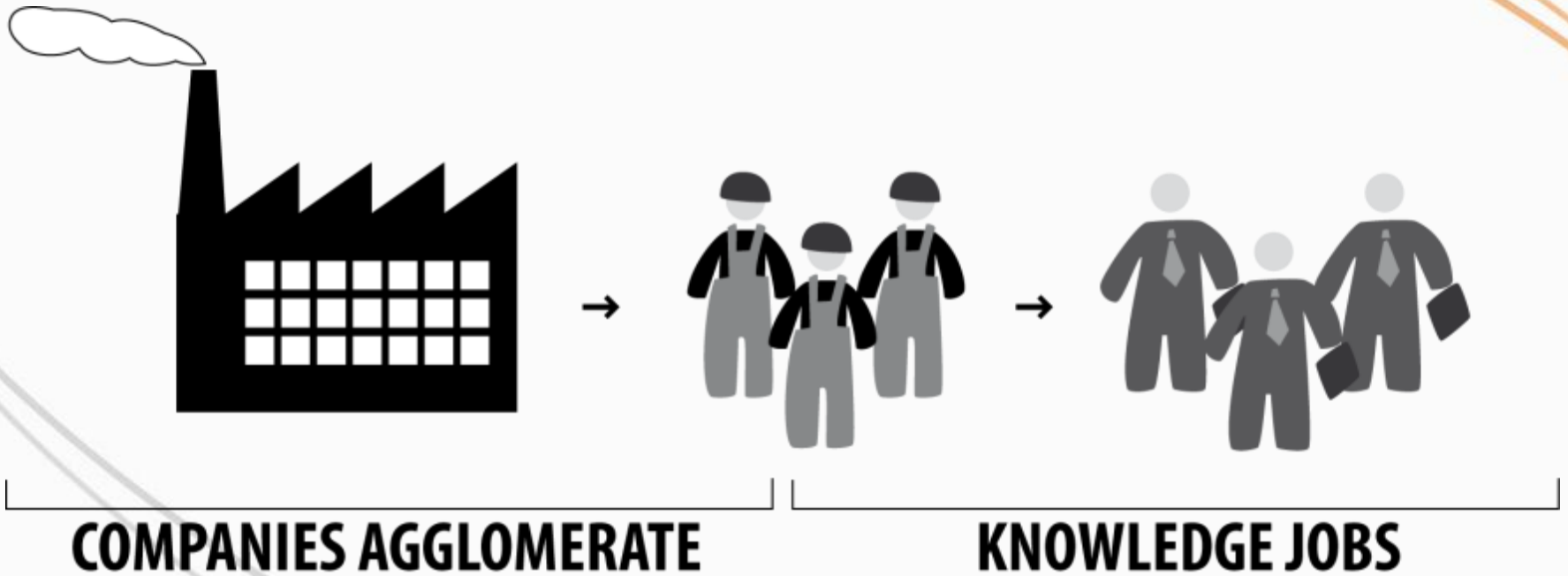
Three Questions

- How do cities and regions form and mature?
- What should we measure about cities and regions?
- How important is evidence in planning, strategy and decision making?

Localisation Economy 1



Localisation Economy 2



Urbanisation Economy



The Disconnect

‘Evidence-based policy is at the heart of being a reformist government’

Prime Minister Kevin Rudd – 2008

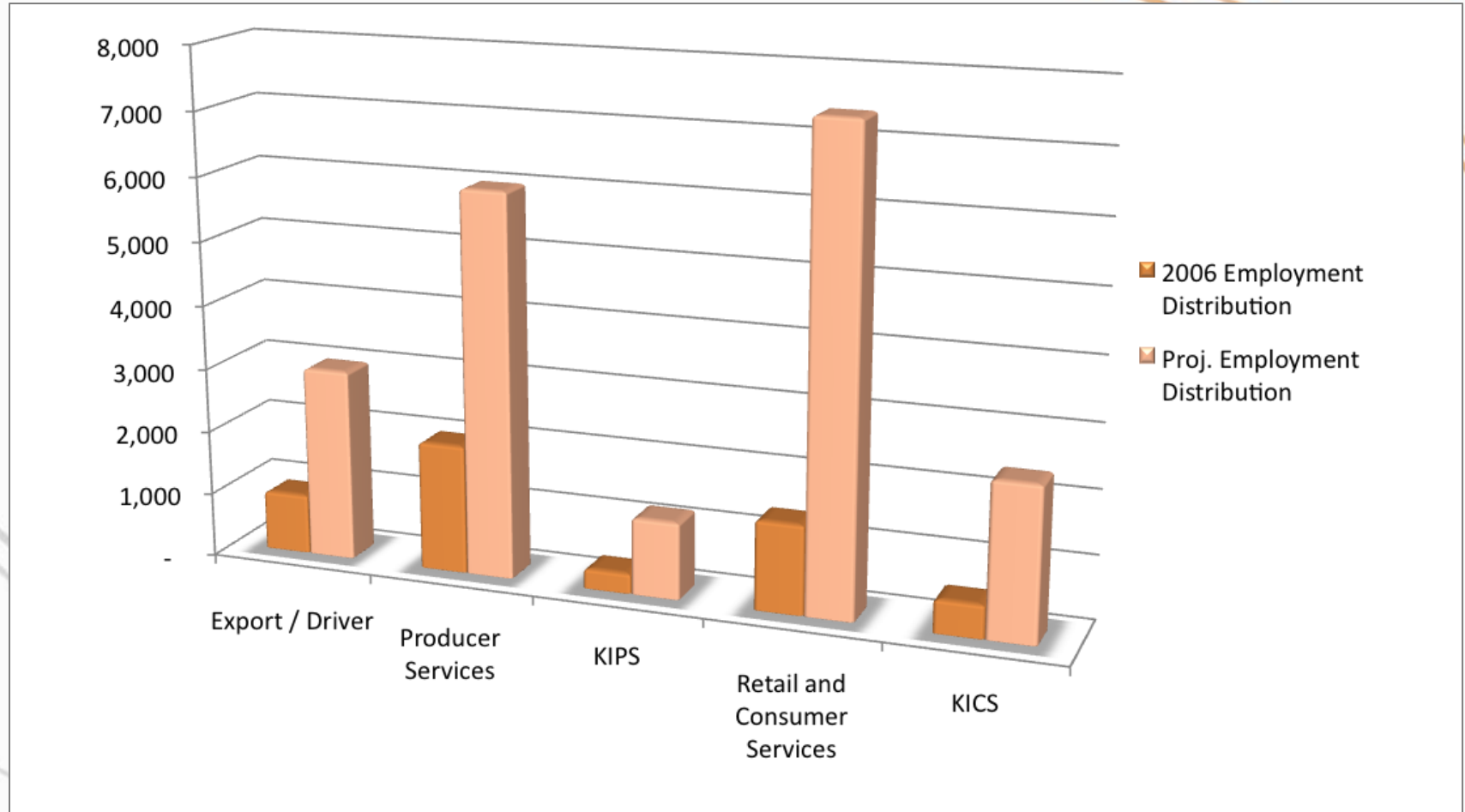
‘...the linkage to goals and problems is weak, the evidence is weak, the quantification of costs and benefits is generally weak.’

Infrastructure Australia Secretariat on infrastructure proposals 2009

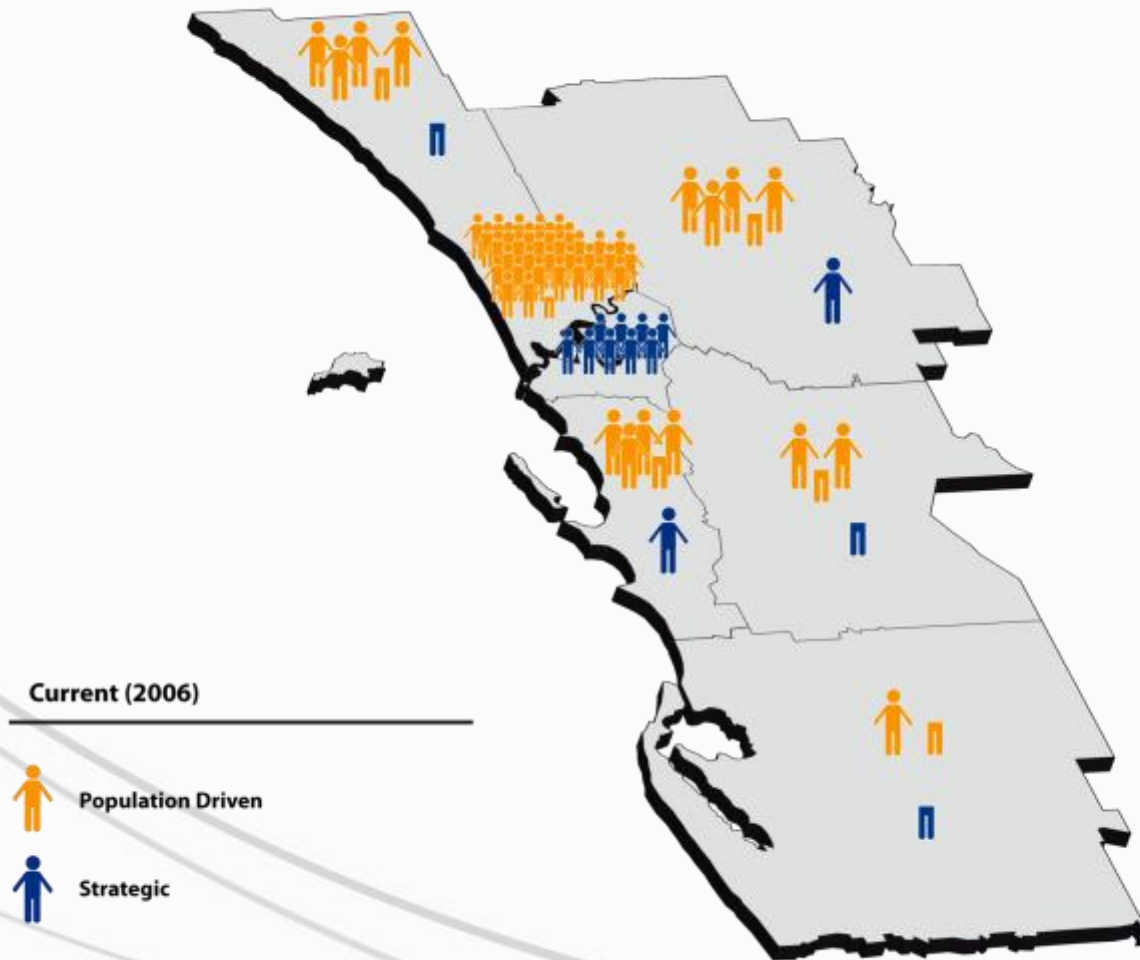
What should we measure about regions and cities?

- Economic base
- Employment quality and distribution
- Activity Centre performance

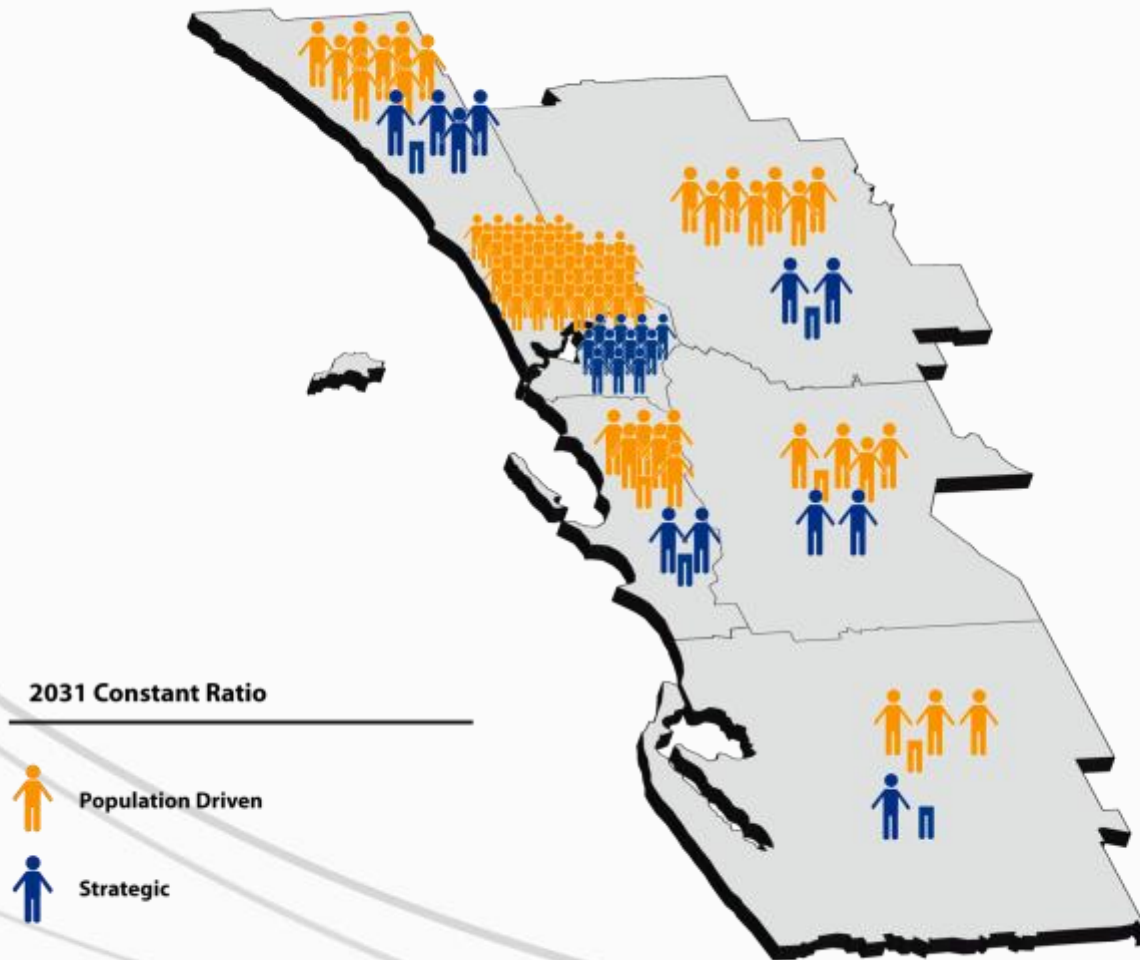
Employment Requirements



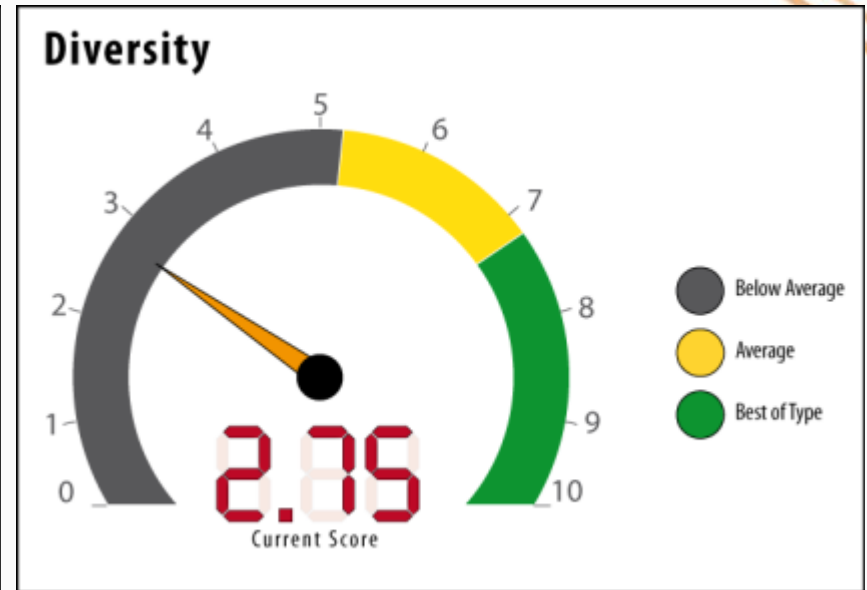
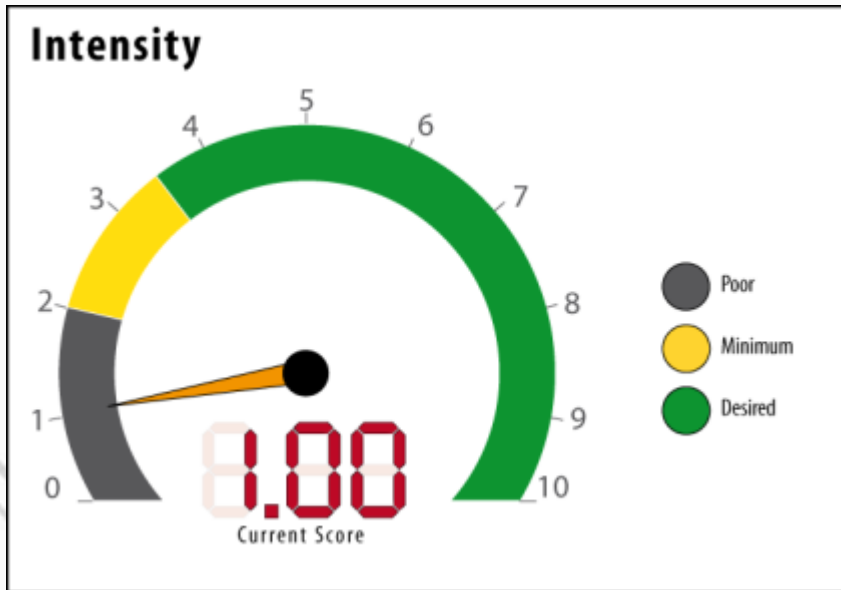
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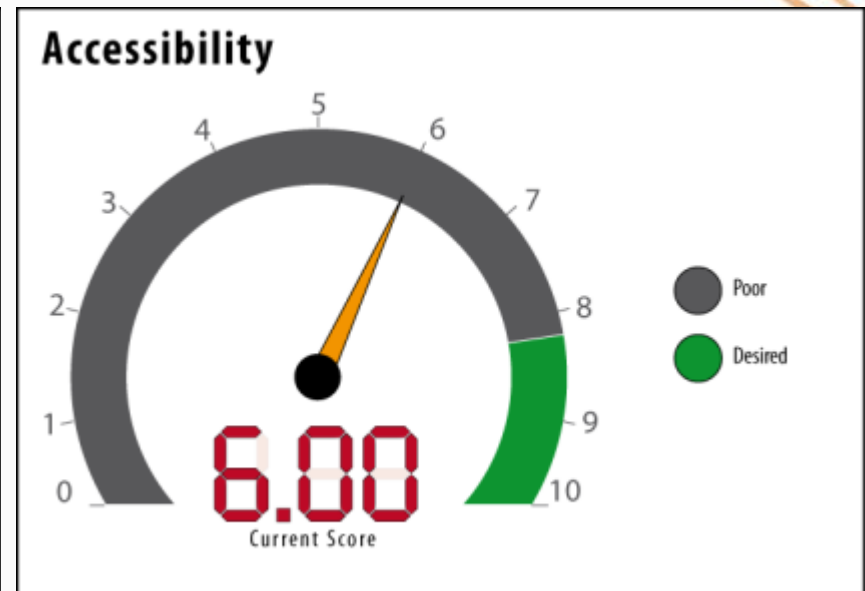
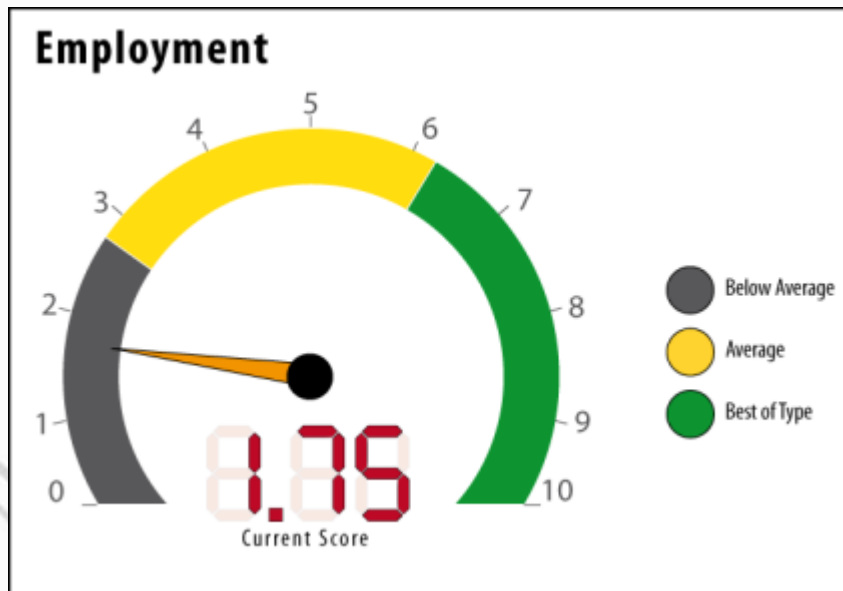
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Activity Centre Performance



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The Importance of Evidence

- Logic Framework
- Fact base
- Strategy and Governance

What does it all mean?

- The Rumsfeld Conundrum
- Town and spatial planning serves strategy- it is not a substitute for it
- Evolve from localisation to urbanisation
- Governance is crucial

Strategy Cycle



The Last Word

‘There is nothing a Government hates more than to be well-informed for it makes the process of arriving at decisions much more complicated and difficult.’

John Maynard Keynes