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Decision Making Matrix

THE OSBORNE-PARNES CREATIVE PROBLEM SOLVING PROCESS

What is the challenge upon which you want to work?



What's the situation or background of this issue?



What are all the facts, questions, data, feelings that are involved?



What is the problem that really needs to be focused on?



What is the concern that really needs to be addressed?



What are all the possible solutions for how to solve the problem?



How can you strengthen the solution? How can you select the solutions to know which one will work best?

(These questions will be answered by completing the table below)

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What are all the action steps that need to take place in order to implement your solution?



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Vacancy Tax on Empty Properties	No – the only people impacted negatively will be the people who own the vacant properties	The Vacancy Tax was passed through parliament at the end of 2017, however currently it only affects foreign owners.	This strategy has no cost. It is the responsibility of the property owner to prove to the ATO that the property has been occupied for more than half the year.	Yes – this tax applies to all properties in Australia	No – the revenue generated will not be enough. The tax could be extended to include everyone (not just foreign owners) but other measures are also needed.
Force Developers to Create Affordable Homes	There are some arguments that residents who purchase properties for a lower price than others may be subjected to stigma. These concerns are largely unfounded and easily overcome.	This strategy will not take any additional time. Developers are regularly creating new apartment blocks etc. and mandating them to create 15% affordable homes will not increase development time.	The only cost that may occur is to property developers. However, if a 15% mandatory affordable housing target was enforced Australia-wide, that cost would be offset as land would also become slightly cheaper.	Yes – this concept, called ‘inclusionary zoning’ already exists in South Australia, where all new housing developments must contain 10% affordable housing and 5% high need housing. However, this strategy may not help those in remote communities.	No – this will help a portion of people experiencing homelessness. However, this measure will not be able to house everyone.

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Increase the Newstart Allowance	An increase in the Newstart Allowance would come out of the Federal Budget and thus could impact income tax rates	The strategy would need to be included in the next Federal Budget	There are around 800,000 people receiving the Newstart Allowance. The cost could be significant, depending on the magnitude of the increase to the payment.	Yes, the Newstart Allowance is an Australia-wide payment and as such, any increase would also be Australia wide	No – income is only one aspect of the complex issue of homelessness.
Adequately resourcing child protection services	No – it may impact on tax. However, the cost would definitely be worth the benefits.	The strategy would need to be included in the next Federal Budget	It is hard to estimate the total cost, but a large amount of government funding (possibly a combination of state and federal) would be required.	This could be implemented Australia-wide, but it may be difficult to provide a high level of service in remote communities	It will not have a big immediate impact, but it will cause a large reduction in people experiencing homelessness in the future.

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