The importance of multilevel governance to place based policy and practice in Australia

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Place based policy in Australia

- Increasing interest, research and understanding of the importance of place based approaches to economic reform and better outcomes
- Focus on defining what 'placed based' means and potential benefits
- In Victoria, a number of examples of policy application exist
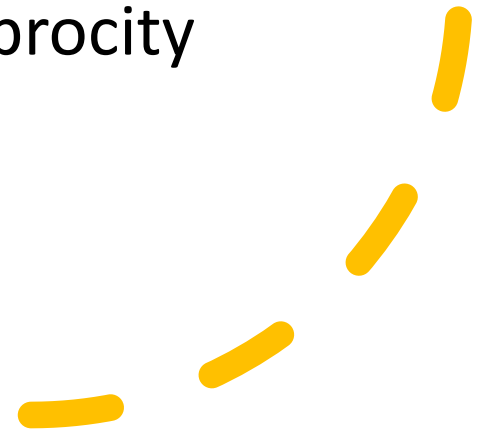- The role of multi level governance

Multi level governance defined

- Multi level governance is a key element of The EU Commission 'Smart Specialisation' program.

- It can be understood through research and experience in the EU.

- The 2019 JRC Technical Report, 'Multi-level Governance: basic pillars for construction' is instructive for application in Australia

Basic pillars of multi level governance for advancing regional strengths in Australia

- Understanding and facing complexity
- Understanding context specificity and addressing through construction of collective knowledge
- Understanding emergence and developing emergent strategies
- Understanding and building reciprocity

Collaboration and innovation

- Adaption and application of the Smart Specialisation approach to regional development

- Importance of multi-level governance to collaboration, partnership and innovation

- Participation and demonstration of collective benefit by working on 'what matters' to people

Practice in 'place'

Skilled support and dedicated time to work with people in place to create collaborative networks that:

- Harness a wide range of experiences, knowledge, expertise and contexts to identify and explore potential

- Bring together complementary horizontal/vertical actors that coexist/overlap to inform/include in decisions for direction

- Build collective learning and negotiation for evidenced based decision making on opportunities for innovation