



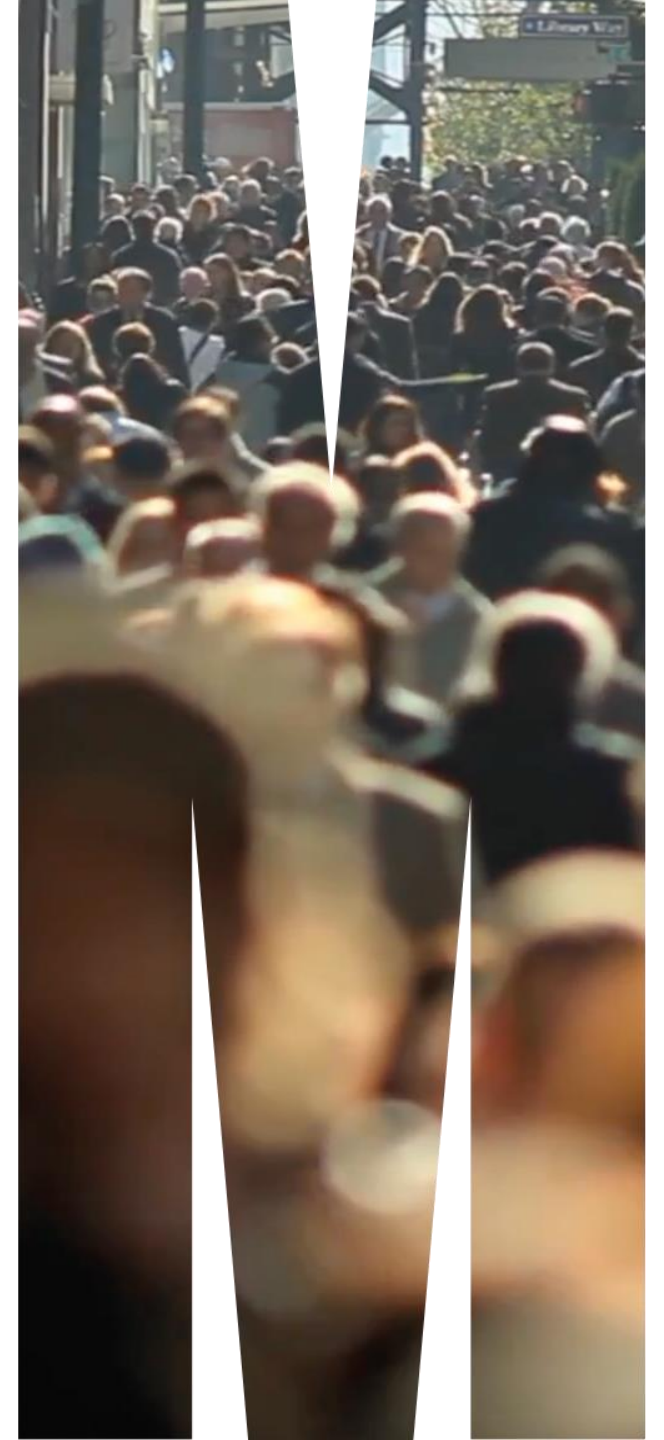
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# WELCOMING REGIONS

ASSESSING LOCAL READINESS FOR MIGRANT  
SETTLEMENT IN REGIONAL AUSTRALIA

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# WELCOMING REGIONS RESEARCH

- Supported by Multicultural Affairs Queensland & Welcoming Cities
- Year one (2018): **evidence review**
- Year two (2019): **assessment toolkit**



# REGIONAL MIGRANT SETTLEMENT: FIVE ELEMENTS OF SUCCESS



Inclusive, locally-  
driven planning and  
coordination



Long-term job  
opportunities,  
matching migrants'  
skills and  
aspirations



Accessible housing,  
transport and  
culturally-  
appropriate services

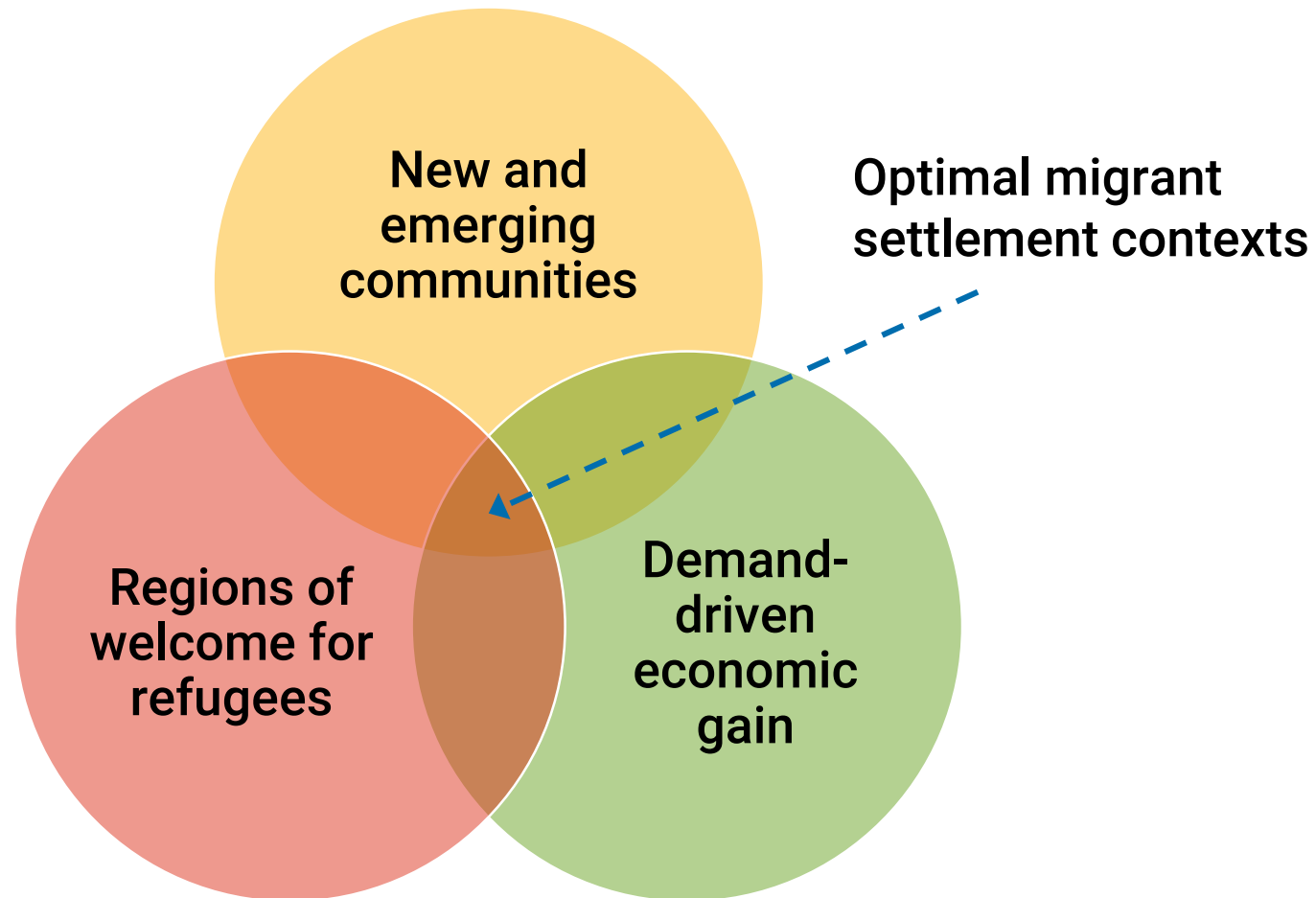


Meaningful  
consultation and a  
culture of welcome



Established ethnic  
communities and  
multicultural  
organisations

# REGIONAL SETTLEMENT SCENARIOS



# ASSESSING SETTLEMENT DESTINATIONS: A METHODOLOGY



Domains	Data sources
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Population profile (household and family characteristics)</li><li>• Economy and labour market</li><li>• First Nations Peoples</li><li>• Migrant community profile</li><li>• Inequality and disadvantage</li><li>• Services and infrastructure</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ABS (Census, ACMID)</li><li>• DSS settlement data</li><li>• LMIP and SALMs (Dept of Jobs &amp; Small Business)</li><li>• DoHA visa grants</li><li>• AEC and ECQ offices</li><li>• Qld Govt Statistician's Office</li><li>• Qld Police</li><li>• Etc.</li></ul>



# EXAMPLE: REGION X

- **Strengths:** Council commitment, low rents, active charity sector
- **Weaknesses:** Health services over-subscribed, no tertiary education services, lack of public transport options
- **Opportunities:** Local businesses need qualified workers, possibility of remote living allowances
- **Risks:** Young and growing population, industry boom/bust cycles, monocultural

## Assessment scenario:

- **Demand-driven economic gain.** Conditions suited for short-term relocation based on available jobs. 'Work-ready' migrants could relocate but families may struggle over the longer-term.



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# THANKS. QUESTIONS?



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