

CAPABILITY STATEMENT

e61 Institute

Background

The e61 Institute is a not-for-profit, non-partisan economic research institute. We produce high quality research into Australia's most important economic issues to empower the policy debate. Our research focuses on the underlying drivers of important economic trends, solutions to policy challenges and the trade-offs inherent in policy choices. We deliver projects through philanthropic funding and funded partnerships.

What Sets Us Apart

- **Academic rigour:** We bring the frontier of economic thinking to the policy debate with a team of leading economists, advanced analytical methods, and university partnerships.
- **Unique data:** We answer economic questions that others can't with access to large scale government and industry data.
- **Engagement:** We deliver non-partisan insights to all policy debate participants through reports, events, media, and regular interactions with decision makers.

Core Services

- **Economic Research:** High-quality analysis of drivers, solutions, and trade-offs in critical economic areas.
- **Data Tools:** Development of interactive resources such as consumer spending trackers and tax calculators.
- **Policy Evaluation:** Rigorous impact assessments of public programs and policies.
- **Insights Delivery:** Short and sharp reports tailored for policymakers and long-form academic publications.
- **Training:** Statistical and economic analysis training for government and industry to answer economic questions.

Project Examples

- **Drivers of the gender pay gap**
Contrary to popular belief, 80% of the gender pay gap stems from pay differences within, not across, occupations. This finding helped policymakers develop targeted solutions to close these disparities.
- **Drivers of lower wages**
1 in 5 workers have a non-compete clause and their wages are 4% lower than other similar workers. This research informed the government's decision to ban non-compete clauses for low and middle income workers.
- **Solutions to an economic crisis**
We found that the \$89 billion JobKeeper program was overall positive for sustaining firms and workers during the COVID-19 pandemic. However, ending the scheme sooner would have encouraged workers to move to better jobs.
- **Trade-offs to higher unemployment benefits**
We found that increasing the JobSeeker payment by 10% would lead to a 1 week increase in the average time a recipient spends out of work, highlighting a trade-off between welfare and work.



"e61 was founded to bridge the gap between economic research and policy in Australia. The 'e' stands for economics, and '61'—the number Australians dial to call home—reflects our role as the nation's gateway to world-class research, to better inform public policy."

Greg Kaplan
Co-founder

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