

# Plenary 1 Welcome by conference convenors Dr Archana Voola Jenni Beetson-Mortimer





















# NSW Financial Inclusion Network - About us



### **State of Play**

Key Issues

- 1. Poverty and Costs of living
  - 2. Housing Affordability
- 3. Financial hardships & Domestic Violence



1. Poverty and Costs of living



# 2. Housing Affordability



# 3. Financial hardships & Domestic Violence



# Understanding the problem

### Financial hardship

the inability to meet contracted debt obligations when they are due

# Financial Vulnerability

the susceptibility to financial risk, shock or instability



#### The Financial Iceberg Illusion

**VISIBLE** 

FINANCIAL HARDSHIP

Over indebtedness Arrears

Non-communication

**LESS VISIBLE** 

**NOT VISIBLE** 

#### INDIVIDUAL LEVEL

Personal health;
Demographic disadvantage;
Domestic & Family Violence;
Access; Knowledge, behavior,
skill; Economic resources;
Social networks SOCIETAL LEVEL

#### COMMUNITY LEVEL

Disjointed services; institutional inequities; Predatory lending; Organisational culture Costs of living; using unaffordability

Housing unaffordability; Un/under employment; Restrictive social security Financial regulation

FINANCIAL VULNERABILITY



#### **Review of Current Solutions**

# Individual Level Solutions

- a. Financial nudges
- b. Financial counselling
- c. Financial coaching
- d. Financial education

# Community Level Solutions

- a. Improved products/services to support hardships
- b. Building organisational staff capacity
- c. Partnerships and communities of practice

#### **Societal Level Solutions**

- a. Regulatory frameworks
- b. Policy frameworks



We look forward to debates, discussions and discourses that

- 1. Embed fairness into structures,
  - 2. Include the excluded
- 3. Re-build trust in financial systems.

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