**Insights About Insolvent Australians**

* The huge majority of insolvent Australians are hard working members of our community fallen on hard times.
* About 30,000 people become insolvent every year. Personal insolvencies grew 7% in the 2017-18 financial year - over double the growth rate of bankruptcies.
* Total bankruptcy costs the Australian economy 0.5% GDP per annum.

Historical trends:

* Over 75% of insolvencies are a result of poor financial management, unemployment or family breakdown
* Over 75% of those who are insolvent earn an income $50K or less and 98% earn less than 100K
* Of all insolvent individuals, 56% were men and 44% were women with 41% having dependents

Most typical male insolvent:

* Single without dependents
* Works in a trade or manual work role
* Earns under $50K
* Become insolvent because of unemployment
* Is supported by government benefits as he tries to get his life back on track

Most typical female insolvent:

* Single without dependents
* Works in a non-tertiary clerical/administrative role
* Earns under $50K
* Became insolvent because of poor financial management
* Using their wages to pay down their debts

**Insights about Insolvency - Top 10 Insolvency Areas vs. Australian Average**

* **Poorer health** - Total early deaths were up 17%. Diabetes and rates of obesity were up 29% and 20% respectively. Psychological distress rates in these areas was also 17% above the national average.
* **Fewer employment opportunities** - The unemployment rate was 12% higher in the top 10 than the national average
* **Lower levels of education** - Those with a bachelor's degree was 28% lower than the national average.
* **Face housing affordability challenges**  - House and unit price growth was 74% and 119% above the national average.