

#### DISCOVERING THE DIAMONDS

Consumer State of Play 2023:

Why brands need to capture hearts and minds and drive meaningful change?









#### **CONSUMER PULSE**

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## THE RISE OF THE **SUPER CONSUMER**

BEYOND THE DEMOGRAPHIC BLINDSPOT









Did the Reserve Bank's interest rate hikes put Australia's economy on a 'knife-edge'? A major consulting firm

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The Drum / By David Taylor

thinks so

"We expect inflation in Australia to be higher than we'd like for longer than we'd like. This inflation problem in the global economy and in our own economy is a persistent one."

> Jim Chalmers Federal Treasurer

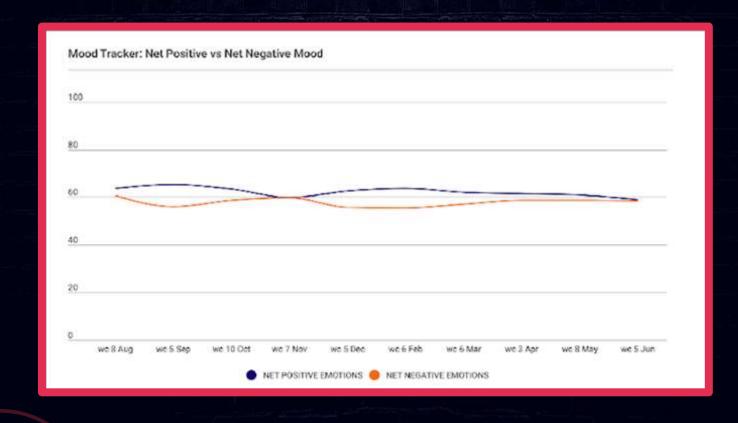








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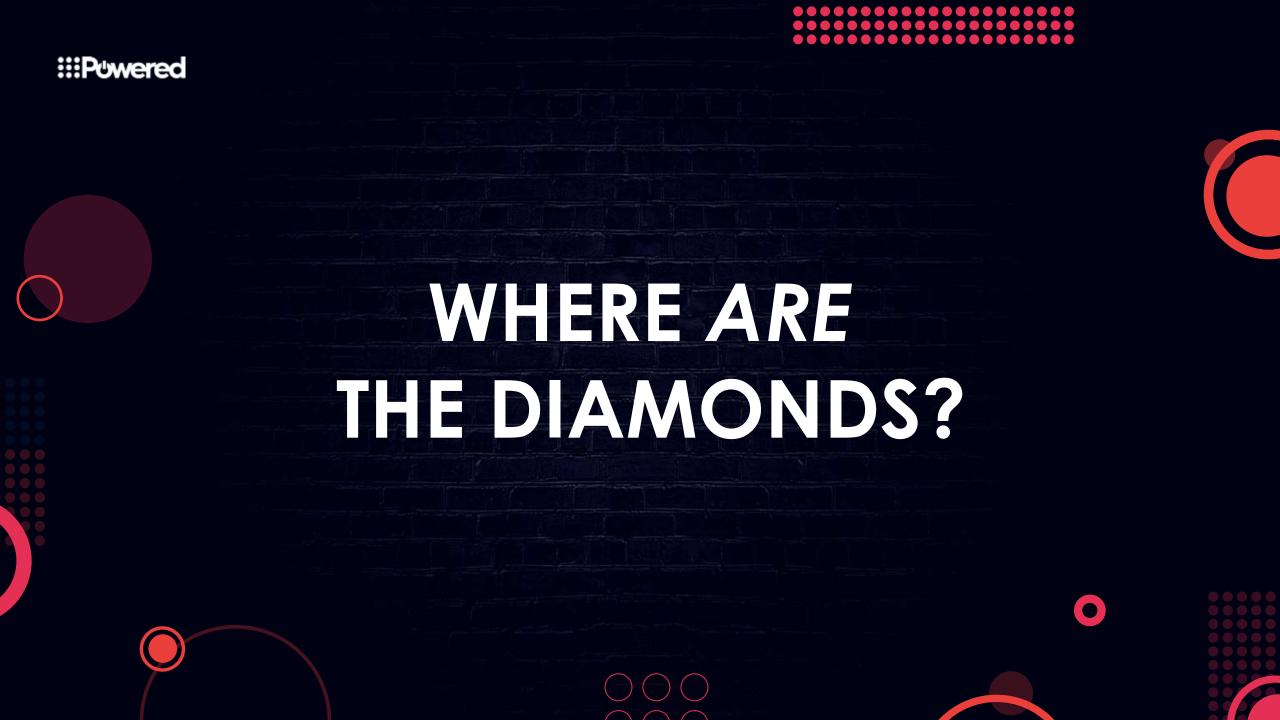


## COSTOF LIVING

Concerned with cost of living (%)

6-12 months: Anticipate Increased concern with cost of living (%)









# How do brands deliver value to Australian consumers?

"Fundamentals" and "social impact" appear as key criteria across major categories





## Australians are clear on where they believe brands can deliver impact

63%

80%

CLIMATE

SOCIAL EQUALITY (gender equality, indigenous rights, LGBTQIA+ rights)



## Consumer expectations on internal policies are high

87%

83%

82%

EXPECT ETHICAL OPERATIONS EXPECT SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

EXPECT ACTION
ON WORKPLACE
INEQUALITY





69%

Total

79%

Sports fans





THE CONSCIENCE REVOLUTION

"An activist is someone who see wrong in society and is prepared to make it clear how they feel, and try to mobilise others to bring about change"

FEMALE 55+





## TAKING A STAND

RAISING AWARENESS THROUGH PRODUCTS & SERVICES

GOING
BEYOND CORE
BUSINESS









#### **BRANDS AS ACTIVISTS**







ACTIVIST BY DESIGN

IMPACT BEYOND
BOTTOM LINE

ASSUMED ACTIVISM



## STEPS TO BEING PART OF MEANINGFUL CHANGE

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REVIEW INTERNAL POLICIES: PROGRESS, NOT PERFECTION ALIGN CHANGE WITH CONSUMER VALUES: NOW OR IN THE FUTURE ALIGN CHANGE WITH BRAND VALUES