

# **Should rational individuals be optimistic? Theory, survey evidence, experimental evidence, and policy implications**

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## **Project Summary**

This project will help Australian policy makers design better information-revelation policies and will elevate the skill level of Australian research in behavioural economics. Insights we generate about how best to manage the public's expectations will enable policy design that strengthens Australia's social and economic fabric. In terms of benefits to the level of science in Australia, the project will work with local data and local researchers, and will import into Australia new experimental methods and knowledge of how to use them. These benefits will help Australia progress to the forefront of behavioural economic research.