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Red alert suburbs: Employment Vulnerability Index 3.0 (EVI3.0)

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## What is The CofFEE Employment Vulnerability Index

The Employment Vulnerability Index (EVI) is an indicator that identifies those localities that have higher proportions of the types of jobs thought to be at risk in the current economic climate.

Table 1 describes the EVI classifications for the ranked localities according to their index outcome.

It should be noted that the underlying modelling used to compute the EVI takes into account individual characteristics at an aggregate level. As a result, any one person in a Red alert locality may have little risk of job loss, while any one person in a Low risk locality might, in fact, be very vulnerable to job loss. But in aggregate, we expect the job losses to fall predominately in the Red and Amber alert localities.

For the Employment Vulnerability Index (EVI 3.0) that we present in this paper we utilise Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) Statistical Area 2 (SA2) as our unit of analysis. Statistical Area 2 is a level of aggregation used by the Australian Bureau of Statistics for census data output. The purpose of SA2s is to represent a community that interacts together socially and economically and is considered to largely represent residential suburbs (Australian Bureau of Statistics, 2010).

## Table 1 EVI 3.0 Classification

EVI 3.0 Classification	Map Colour Code
Red alert localities – those with high potential job loss;	
Amber alert localities — those with medium-high potential job loss;	
Medium-low potential job loss localities; and	
Low potential job loss localities.	

This report outlines conceptual issues associated with EVI 3.0 including the analysis of job loss potential and different types of disadvantage that we identify.

A complete list of the rankings and different perspectives is available from the EVI Home Page at <u>http://www.fullemployment.net/evi.php</u>

The EVI 3.0 is accompanied by a fully searchable and scalable mapping tool and suburb profiles - <u>http://www.fullemployment.net/evi.php</u>

## Types of Disadvantage

In order to further the analysis we divide the localities designated as Red alert localities into two groups on the basis of their existing level of disadvantage. The two types of red alert localities were devised with reference to the Australian Bureau of Statistics SEIFA Index of Relative Socio-Economic Disadvantage.

The first group of red alert localities (the existing disadvantage group) were identified as having an EVI greater than one standard deviation from the mean and a SEIFA index score greater than one standard deviation below the mean.

The second group was identified as sitting outside the first group (that is, having an EVI greater than one standard deviation above the mean but a higher SEIFA score indicating lower disadvantage).

The analysis of data for the 1645 SA2s located across the ABS designated capital city regions together with the significant non-capital city urban resulted in just over 12 per cent (208) being identified as red alert localities for potential job loss, with a further 45.6 per cent being identified as amber alert (medium to high job loss potential) localities.

To differentiate the red alert localities further we consider the general level of socioeconomic disadvantage for each locality and identify two broad types of localities:

- Those that are amongst Australia's most disadvantaged places to live. We term these the existing disadvantage job loss localities.
- Suburbs that have not been previously considered to be highly disadvantaged, but which may become so as a result of declining labour market conditions. We term these the emerging disadvantage job loss localities.

Tables 2 to 5 show the areas of existing and emerging disadvantage in both metropolitan and non-metropolitan areas.

## Table 2 Existing Disadvantage Job Loss Localities, Metropolitan areas

## Sydney

Bidwill - Hebersham - Emerton Punchbowl Auburn - Central Auburn - North Auburn - South Fairfield - East Ashcroft - Busby - Miller Bonnyrigg Heights - Bonnyrigg Cabramatta - Lansvale Cabramatta West - Mount Pritchard Canley Vale - Canley Heights Fairfield Fairfield - West Greenfield Park - Prairiewood

#### Melbourne

Lalor Thomastown Broadmeadows Campbellfield - Coolaroo Meadow Heights

Roxburgh Park - Somerton Doveton Dandenong Springvale Springvale South Noble Park - West Kings Park (Vic.) St Albans - North St Albans - South Sunshine North

## Brisbane

Redland Islands Inala - Richlands Beenleigh Eagleby Logan Central Woodridge Caboolture - South

#### Adelaide

Davoren Park Elizabeth Elizabeth East Smithfield - Elizabeth North Parafield Gardens Paralowie Salisbury Salisbury North Christie Downs Hackham West - Huntfield Heights Morphett Vale - West The Parks

### Perth

Mandurah Girrawheen Calista Parmelia - Orelia

#### Hobart

Bridgewater - Gagebrook Mornington - Warrane Rokeby Berriedale - Chigwell Claremont (Tas.) Glenorchy

State/Locality	Region
NSW	
Lavington	Albury - Wodonga
Wyong	Central Coast
Tuncurry	Forster - Tuncurry
Muswellbrook	Muswellbrook
Cessnock	Newcastle - Maitland
Kurri Kurri - Abermain	Newcastle - Maitland
Raymond Terrace	Newcastle - Maitland
Mount Hutton - Windale	Newcastle - Maitland
Beresfield - Hexham	Newcastle - Maitland
Shortland - Jesmond	Newcastle - Maitland
Wingham	Taree
Berkeley - Lake Heights - Cringila	Wollongong
Warilla	Wollongong
Victoria	
Wendouree - Miners Rest	Ballarat
California Gully - Eaglehawk	Bendigo
Corio - Norlane	Geelong
Newcomb - Moolap	Geelong
Queensland	
Svensson Heights - Norville	Bundaberg
Walkervale - Avenell Heights	Bundaberg
Tweed Heads South	Gold Coast - Tweed Heads
Gympie - North	Gympie
Mackay	Mackay
Granville	Maryborough
Berserker	Rockhampton
Lakes Creek	Rockhampton
South Australia	
Murray Bridge	Murray Bridge
Port Pirie	Port Pirie
Whyalla	Whyalla
Tasmania	
Acton - Upper Burnie	Burnie - Wynyard
Burnie - Wivenhoe	Burnie - Wynyard
Wynyard	Burnie - Wynyard
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Table 3 Existing Disadvantage Job Loss Localities, Non-Metropolitan regions

Burnie - Wynyard Devonport

Devonport

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State/Locality	Region	
East Devonport	Devonport	
Invermay	Launceston	
Mowbray	Launceston	
Newnham - Mayfield	Launceston	
Ravenswood	Launceston	
Waverley - St Leonards	Launceston	
West Ulverstone	Ulverstone	

Table 3 (cont.) Existing Disadvantage Job Loss Localities, Non-Metropolitan regions

# Table 4 Emerging Disadvantage Job Loss Localities, Metropolitan regions

Sydney	Adelaide
Green Valley	Lewiston - Two Wells
Edensor Park	Craigmore - Blakeview
	Salisbury East
Melbourne	Hackham - Onkaparinga Hills
Epping - South	Morphett Vale - East
Gladstone Park - Westmeadows	
Greenvale - Bulla	Perth
Craigieburn - Central	Dawesville - Bouvard
Hallam	Falcon - Wannanup
Narre Warren North	Greenfields
Narre Warren - North East	Halls Head - Erskine
Cranbourne South	
Pearcedale - Tooradin	
Narre Warren South (East)	
Cairnlea	Pinjarra
Delahey	Ballajura
Taylors Lakes	Stratton - Jane Brook
Dromana	Alexander Heights - Koondoola
Point Nepean	Marangaroo
Rosebud - McCrae	Mindarie - Quinns Rocks - Jindalee
	Cooloongup
Brisbane	Warnbro
Sunnybank	
Bribie Island	Hobart
Upper Caboolture	Brighton - Pontville

Table 5 Emerging Disadvantage Job Loss Localities, Non-Metropolitan regions

Region

State/	'Suburb
NSW	

Batemans Bay Blue Haven - San Remo Budgewoi - Buff Point - Halekulani Lake Munmorah - Mannering Park Summerland Point - Gwandalan Toukley - Norah Head Forster Mudgee Maitland - West Belmont South - Blacksmiths Singleton St Georges Basin - Erowal Bay Ulladulla

#### Victoria

Delacombe Colac Moama Echuca Portland Queensland Tweed Heads Banora Point Mermaid Waters Coolangatta Currumbin Waters Arundel Coombabah Currumbin Valley - Tallebudgera Highland Park Nerang - Mount Nathan Jacobs Well - Alberton Merrimac Ashmore Molendinar Southport - North Bundall Surfers Paradise Gympie - South Urangan - Wondunna Andergrove - Beaconsfield Slade Point South Mackay Sippy Downs Buddina - Minyama Caloundra - West Golden Beach - Pelican Waters Noosa Heads Noosaville Sunshine Beach Tewantin Warwick

Batemans Bay Central Coast Central Coast Central Coast Central Coast Central Coast Forster - Tuncurry Mudgee Newcastle - Maitland Newcastle - Maitland Singleton St Georges Basin - Sanctuary Point Ulladulla

Ballarat Colac Echuca - Moama Echuca - Moama Portland

Gold Coast - Tweed Heads Gympie Hervey Bay Mackay Mackay Mackay Sunshine Coast Warwick

State/Suburb	antage Job Loss Localities, Non-Metropolitan <b>Region</b>
South Australia	ingion
Mount Gambier - East	Mount Gambier
Mount Gambier - West	Mount Gambier
Goolwa - Port Elliot	Victor Harbor - Goolwa
Victor Harbor	Victor Harbor - Goolwa
Western Australia	
McKail - Willyung	Albany
Australind - Leschenault	Bunbury
Eaton - Pelican Point	Bunbury
East Bunbury - Glen Iris	Bunbury
Busselton	Busselton
Busselton Region	Busselton
Boulder	Kalgoorlie - Boulder
Kalgoorlie	Kalgoorlie - Boulder
Two Rocks	Yanchep
Mandurah - East	
Mandurah - North	
Mandurah - South	
Tasmania	
Romaine - Havenview	Burnie - Wynyard
Somerset	Burnie - Wynyard
Quoiba - Spreyton	Devonport
Ulverstone	Ulverstone

Table 5 (cont.) Emerging Disadvantage Job Loss Localities, Non-Metropolitan

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