

Year 9 Geography Australian Communities

The topic will be related to **comparing and contrasting** the different communities in Australia, or how it has **changed** since.

Rural

- Low population, reduced immigration to urban areas
- Gradually increasing older people as younger people move to the city for jobs
- Lowered mechanisation and more industrial/agricultural
- Stronger sense of community – everyone knows each other
- Example of an urban community: Rainbow

Gated

- Wealthy, generally safer – increased security, middle to upper class, considered as a ‘haven’
- Restricted public access
- Lowered population
- Exclusion for people living outside – may encourage outside violence or protest
- Example of a gated community: Macquarie Links

Aboriginal/Indigenous

- Greater issues such as sexual abuse, higher unemployment, crime
 - o More initiatives from the government, and local groups help
- Higher infant mortality rate – reduced health services
- Lower education levels
- Spiritual link to each other, inclusiveness, link to the land and culture

Change in Australia

- Globalisation and immigration changes
 - o Is Australia sustainable and is there enough resources?
- Educational increase
- Attitude to immigrants – changed from discriminatory to inviting
 - o Sorry speech
- Attitudes in work (less industrial, longer hours), women and indigenous (more rights), technology (phones and computers)
- Climate change
- Urban development, sprawl, decay, etc.