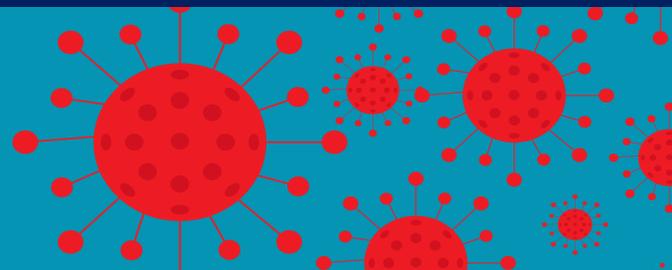




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From lockdown to meltdown

Even as infection and deaths rate are finally falling, tensions among the locked-down and locked-out are rising. [Small but vocal groups](#) defied lockdowns in recent days, taking to Melbourne streets to voice frustration at the government. Individual acts of civil defiance were recorded in Sydney and at the NSW/QLD border. Several [high-profile business identities](#) also took to news media and [even to the skies](#) to urge a rethink in current policy.

Days since the last reported case of COVID-19

NSW	QLD	VIC	SA	WA	TAS	NT	ACT
0	0	0	3	5	34	44	67

Last updated 14:38 PM AEST on Tuesday, September 15

COVID-19 Case Updates

(For the week to 15 Sept 2020, 3.30pm)

QUEENSLAND 22 new cases

1,150 confirmed
6 deaths

DAYS WITH NO NEW CASES
0

1,111
96.6%

AUSTRALIA 413 new cases

26,692 confirmed
816 deaths

DEATHS IN LAST 7 DAYS
63

25,573 cases recovered
95.8%

GLOBAL 2.2M new cases

29.1M confirmed
925,947 deaths

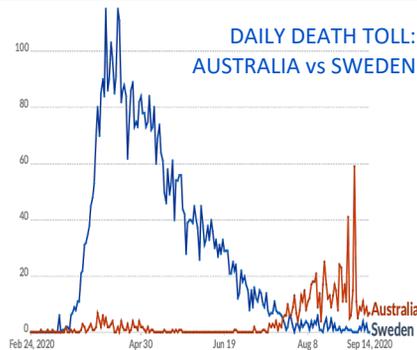
DEATHS IN LAST 7 DAYS
45.1K

19.8M cases recovered
67.5%

The Swedish model: Success? Failure? Or something else entirely?

While the world zigged, Sweden notoriously zagged in its response to COVID-19. Pundits on either side of politics are either declaring its success or decrying its failure. And both sides have been carefully cherry-picking specific stats in order to “prove” their case. Late last week, [Reuters announced](#) that Sweden had recorded its lowest positive test rate (just 1.2%) since the pandemic began. As result, their long-sought goal of “herd immunity” may be within reach – albeit at a cost of 86,505 infections and 5,846 deaths (compared to Australia’s 26,692 infections and 816 deaths). So why aren’t we following Sweden?

The answer seems to be that, well, we aren’t Swedes – who pride themselves on zealously executing their national values. They abide not just by the rules, but also by unspoken social and cultural norms such as diligence, fair play, interpersonal respect, and personal hygiene. Most other countries can’t even get close to this. And judging by some of the irresponsible individual actions seen in recent weeks, that includes Australia.



How are global business leaders responding?

McKinsey recently completed [this global survey](#) with 853 C-level leaders across nine broad industry categories, asking them how the COVID-19 crises was forcing organizational change.

As you can see, there is a big sweep underway – especially in management, operations, use of technology, and HR.

We’ve also indicated how the Resources Sector has responded. As you can see, leaders in these industries were more change averse. But if there’s one thing all industries can agree with, Zoom meetings are here for the long term.

% OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEIR COMPANIES ARE CONSIDERING OR IMPLEMENTING SPECIFIC CHANGES IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19

