

## EARNING A LIVING

### (Education and Employment)

#### 1980s - HOW IT WAS

In the 60s and 70s, many people started their working lives as apprentices or tradesman (for example as mechanics, carpenters, welders and hairdressers) and often continued their working life with one employer.

Young men often followed their father's footsteps going into family business, or with the same career path and on occasion employer. Very few people had part time work or worked on the weekends.

Fewer women gave up their work to have children and most did return to the paid work force after having children. Most businesses were in Brisbane or the Gold Coast.

The restructuring of the Australia's economy in the late 1980s brought an end to the concept of lifetime employment. Workdays begin earlier or end later and people work weekends, part-time and job share. In other words there is no standard workday.



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## 2006 - HOW IT IS

The growth in the number of jobs has come with other changes: more women are entering the work-force, hours of work are more variable and travel patterns more complex than in the past, part-time work and self-employment has increased.



Business mergers and takeovers have created an environment where people change employers on average every 5 – 7 years.

Men often leave their professions to diversify or retrain for a new profession in their lifetime. Women, who develop their professional careers before taking time out to have children, often resume their careers.

Technological advancements make it possible for people to work at home, for clients and businesses based in other towns, cities or even countries. Overseas multi-nationals own many businesses.

## 2026 - HOW WILL IT BE

In which industries will people work?

Will the service sector, particularly the hospitality, tourism and retail industries continue to be the big growth areas for employment?

Will people have more than one job and with many of those working in part-time employment?

What economic restructuring will occur?

Will more businesses consolidate to Logan?

Could working from home be more efficient and popular if technological improvements occur?

Will the boss live in the same town as you, or even the same country?

Will peoples' lifestyles mean they work longer or shorter hours?

Will the workday have flexible hours to suit the needs of the individual?

Will we still have weekends for sport and recreation, or will we work on all seven days of the week?



Businessman using biometric technology