This study, commissioned by Dusseldorp Skills Forum (DSF) and conducted by Saulwick Muller Social Research, aims to analyse what young people (Generation Y, aged 16 - 24) think about and are thinking in Australia today (“morale of young Australians and their expectations concerning the future”). The current study is the first stage (the qualitative component) of a two-stage study, whilst the second stage is the quantitative component. The main findings are discussed under five broad themes:

- **Theme 1: Reflections on Australian society** – this section details findings regarding how young people view Australian society and how they feel living in Australia. Other reflections on Australian society included young peoples’ views concerning: race and multiculturalism; (the) best features of Australian life; (the) worst features of Australian life; and Australia as a fair society.

- **Theme 2: Views about education** – this section presents young peoples’ views about the educational system including: schooling; vocational education and training; and higher education.

- **Theme 3: Attitudes toward the future** – a number of questions were asked concerning:
  - preparedness to think about the future (“Do you think about the future?”).
  - capacity to make the future happen (“Can you plan for the future and make it happen?” and “How well prepared do you feel to face the future?”).
  - dreamers and goal-scorers.

- **Theme 4: Life in the workforce** – this section of the study outlines young peoples’ views and experiences about life in the workforce.

- **Theme 5: Sources of influence** – the authors present qualitative data about what were these young peoples’ sources of influence, with the majority nominating a good relationship with their parents.