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As the Population Clock Winds Down

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Abstract:

It is generally well understood that population ageing and the long-theorized shift to incipient decline is unfolding at different rates across the globe and within major political jurisdictions like the member states of the European Union. Little attention has, however, yet been given to these disparities or their implications within sub-national borders. For example, depopulation is considered as occurring only once it manifests at national level, while perhaps its presence should be acknowledged once it has begun at regional level. This paper presents findings from an analysis of population ageing across the Local Government Areas of Australia and New Zealand, and highlights the sequential unfolding of incipient decline. It concludes with some thoughts on the implications of these findings for both demographic transition theory and policy

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