

# Change Leadership – is there a secret ingredient?

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#### What's the **Secret**?



It takes charisma and personal power to lead a change journey



What are great change leaders doing well?

- ✦ Delivering positive messaging
- Mobilising leaders across the organisation
- Making the change real for people
- Staying calm when others are emotional







# What's in it for me?

Bad news and positive messaging for workplace transitions









Is positive messaging always authentic leadership?

Positive messaging is not....."spin"



When your program has **a negative side** for individuals...

Being convincing it absolutely will happen! Being 'positive' about the **reasons** for change

Remaining Consistent



...'positive' messaging is...



## We are changing things for a **good** reason.





#### This is definitely **happening**





## I said it yesterday, I'll say it today and again **tomorrow**



"We need to get the leaders on board"

> .... asking **leaders** to lead





# Why don't all managers love change programs?

New finance system? .....scrutiny and constraints

Merging teams? .....fewer lead roles

Enterprise approach? .....reduced autonomy

Efficiency drive? .....tightened resources

New work practices? .....time consuming disruptions



### And keep delivering business as usual...



#### Remove fear

# That's discouraging!

Apply direct leadership

Bring them closer

Use your relationships and regular forums

Establish & resource 'machinery'

Will anything **work?** 

#### Machinery? for example...



### From **big** picture to small picture



Making change **real** for people



#### Whose **story** to tell? The big picture...





#### Whose **story** to tell? Great change leaders connect with "small picture" stories...

- Individual perspective
- + Empathy
- ✦ Balanced
- ✦ Real!

Take Jennifer and Mark who work in our service team in Hobart...



# Staying **Calm** in the face of emotion







### What keeps a great change leader **Calm**



- Commitment to a clear outcome
- A respectful, finite approach to consultation
- An understanding of personal responses to change
- Willingness to decide without satisfying everyone.



### Change Leadership

- Positive, authentic messaging
- Use influence and machinery to mobilise leaders

...not so secret ingredients

- Communicate the 'small picture' story as well as the big picture
- Set a path, then stay calm and resolute

