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Venture Capital and Tech Startups 101

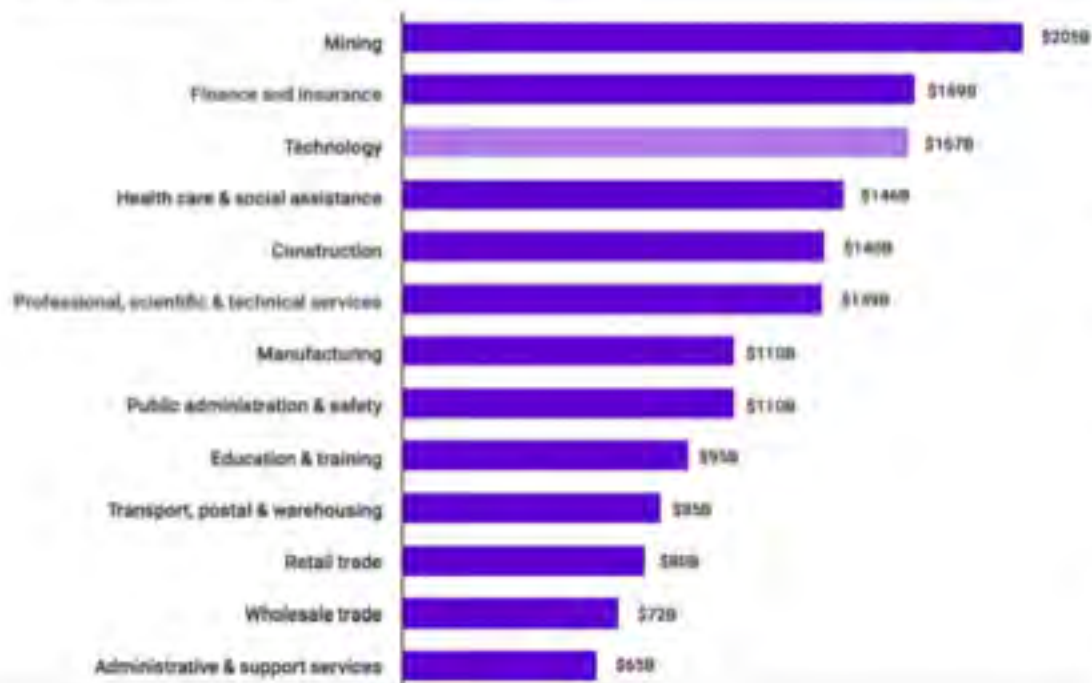
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- **Introduction:
The Australian Tech
Startup Sector**

Technology sector: the 3rd biggest contributor to the Australian economy

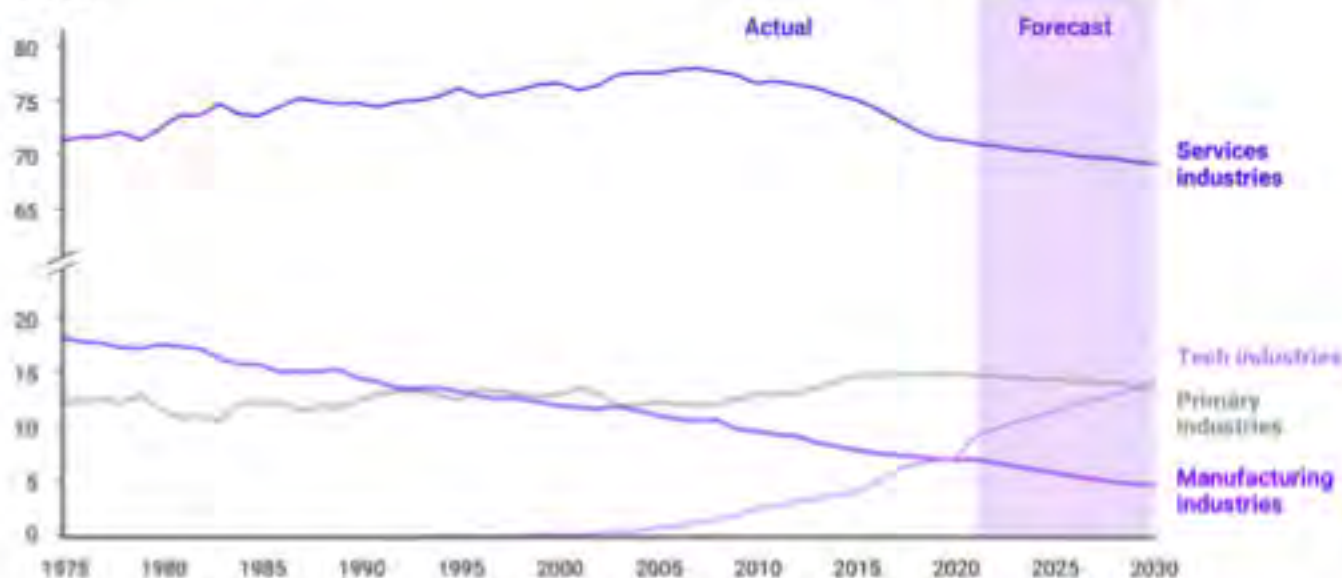
Industry ranking of contribution to GDP

\$Bn 2024 contribution to Australia's GDP by industry, 2020-21



Australian economy by sector

% of GDP



Source: Accenture analysis of ABS (2014-0) Australian System of National Accounts, 2021

What's a tech startup?

An early-stage, young business that:



Innovates in technology
or business model



Is enabled or driven by
technology



Is highly scalable



Has large market
potential



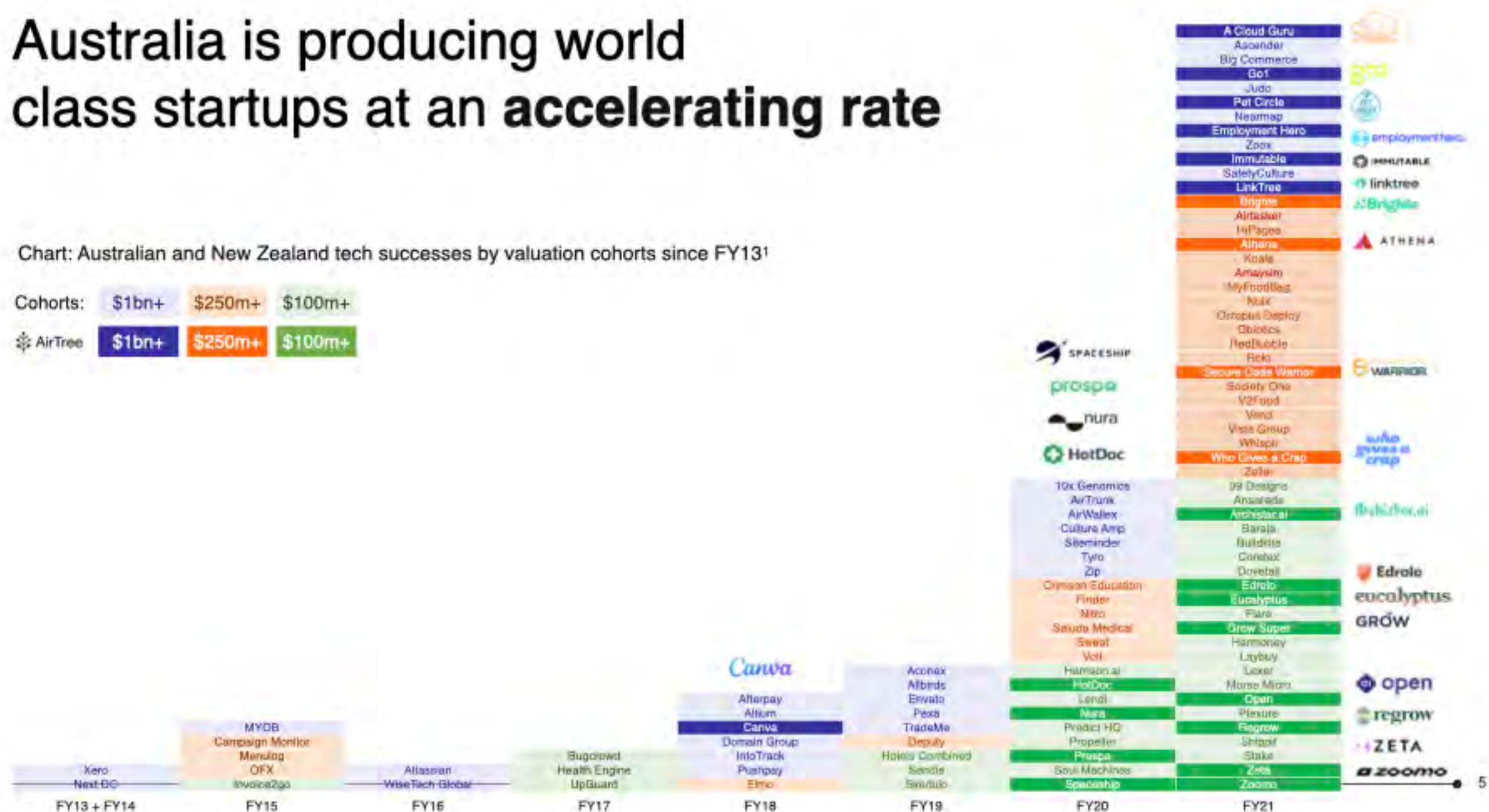
And fast growth
potential

Australia is producing world class startups at an **accelerating** rate

Chart: Australian and New Zealand tech successes by valuation cohorts since FY13¹

Cohorts: \$1bn+ \$250m+ \$100m+

AirTree \$1bn+ \$250m+ \$100m+



¹ Based on publicly available data and to the best of our knowledge

- **Why startups matter**

ASX Top 15 Companies by Market Cap: June 2022

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2	 CBA	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	\$93.54	-0.21%	+6.84%	-12.28%	-6.34%	Financials	\$159.62 B
3	 CSL	CSL Ltd	\$274.03	+0.36%	+4.16%	+1.86%	-4.99%	Health Care	\$132 B
4	 NAB	National Australia Bank Ltd	\$27.79	-0.50%	+6.64%	-12.28%	+6.39%	Financials	\$88.72 B
5	 WBC	Westpac Banking Corporation	\$19.75	-0.85%	+2.82%	-18.02%	-23.51%	Financials	\$69.15 B
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8	 WDS	Woodside Energy Group Ltd	\$32.68	+4.34%	+7.61%	+8.43%	+45.05%	Energy	\$62.05 B
9	 FMG	Fortescue Metals Group Ltd	\$18.58	+3.80%	+9.18%	-5.26%	-19.48%	Materials	\$57.15 B
10	 WES	Westfarmers Ltd	\$43.14	-2.29%	+1.75%	-7.60%	-26.24%	Consumer Discretionary	\$48.91 B
11	 TLS	Telstra Corporation Ltd	\$3.93	0.00%	+3.15%	+0.51%	+9.17%	Communication Services	\$45.41 B
12	 TOL	Transurban Group	\$14.52	+0.42%	+4.24%	+0.90%	+1.33%	Industrials	\$44.59 B
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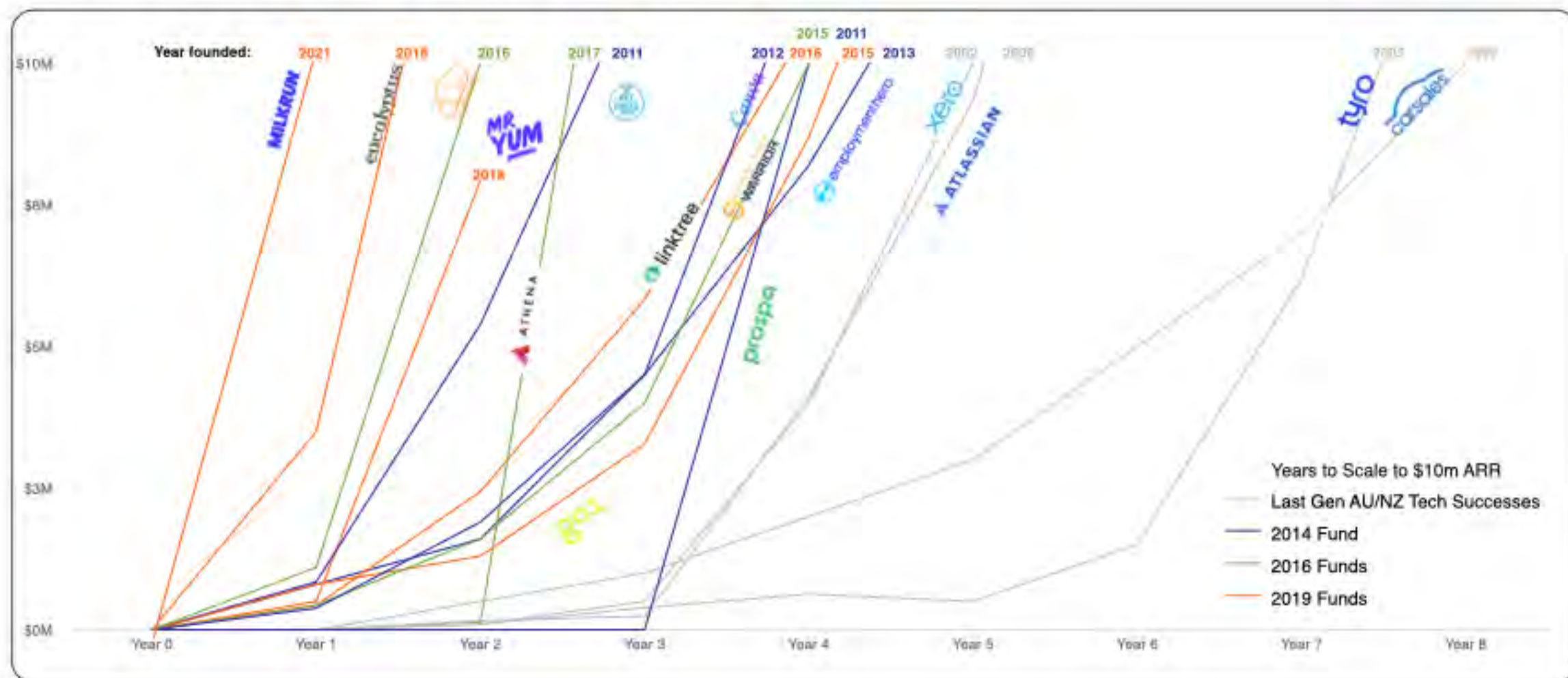
ATLASSIAN
\$74BN

Canva
\$55BN

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Startups are scaling faster than ever

We are intercepting them at inflection points in their growth



Creating high-quality jobs of the future



- 861,000 people employed the Tech sector across Australia today
- 1 in 16 working Australians work in tech sector jobs: more software engineers and developers in Australia than solicitors, plumbers, hairdressers.
- Since 2005, tech jobs have grown by 66%, compared to an average jobs growth rate of 35% across the economy.
- Tech jobs are great jobs
 - Highly paid: 64% more weekly than economy-wide average
 - More flexible & more secure: rate of people no longer working in tech after 8 years 6.2 percentage points lower than other industries

Creating high-quality jobs of the future



Founded in 2002
~10000 Employees



Founded in 2013
~4000 Employees



Founded in 2014
~1000 Employees



Founded in 2015
~1000 Employees



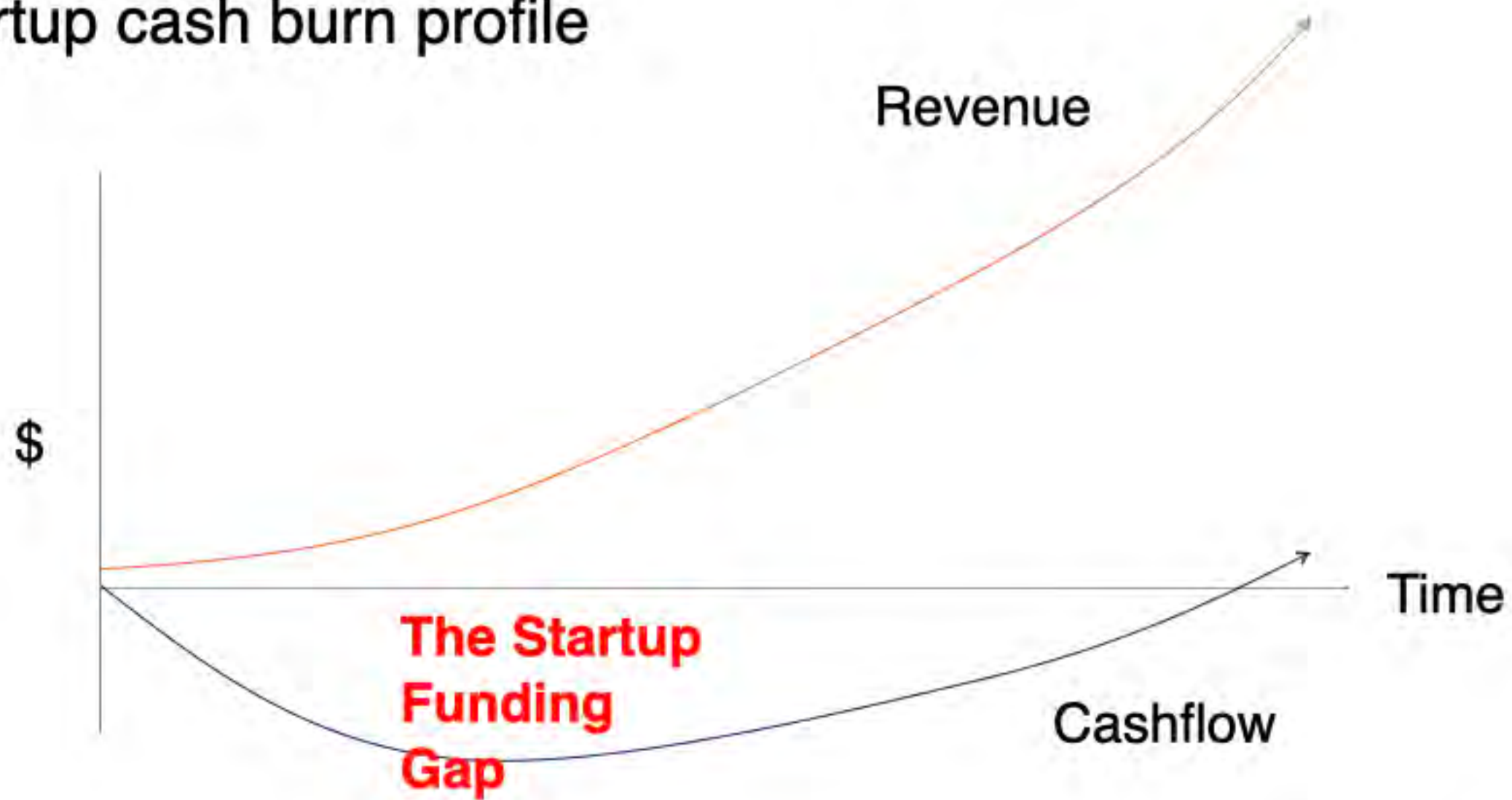
Founded in 2015
> 500 Employees



Founded in 2018
~ 300 Employees

- Introduction to
Venture Capital

Startup cash burn profile



What is VC?

An asset class focused on funding and supporting early-stage startups



Funds from institutional
(super) and individual investors



Early stage and high
risk



Minority (non-controlling)
equity stakes

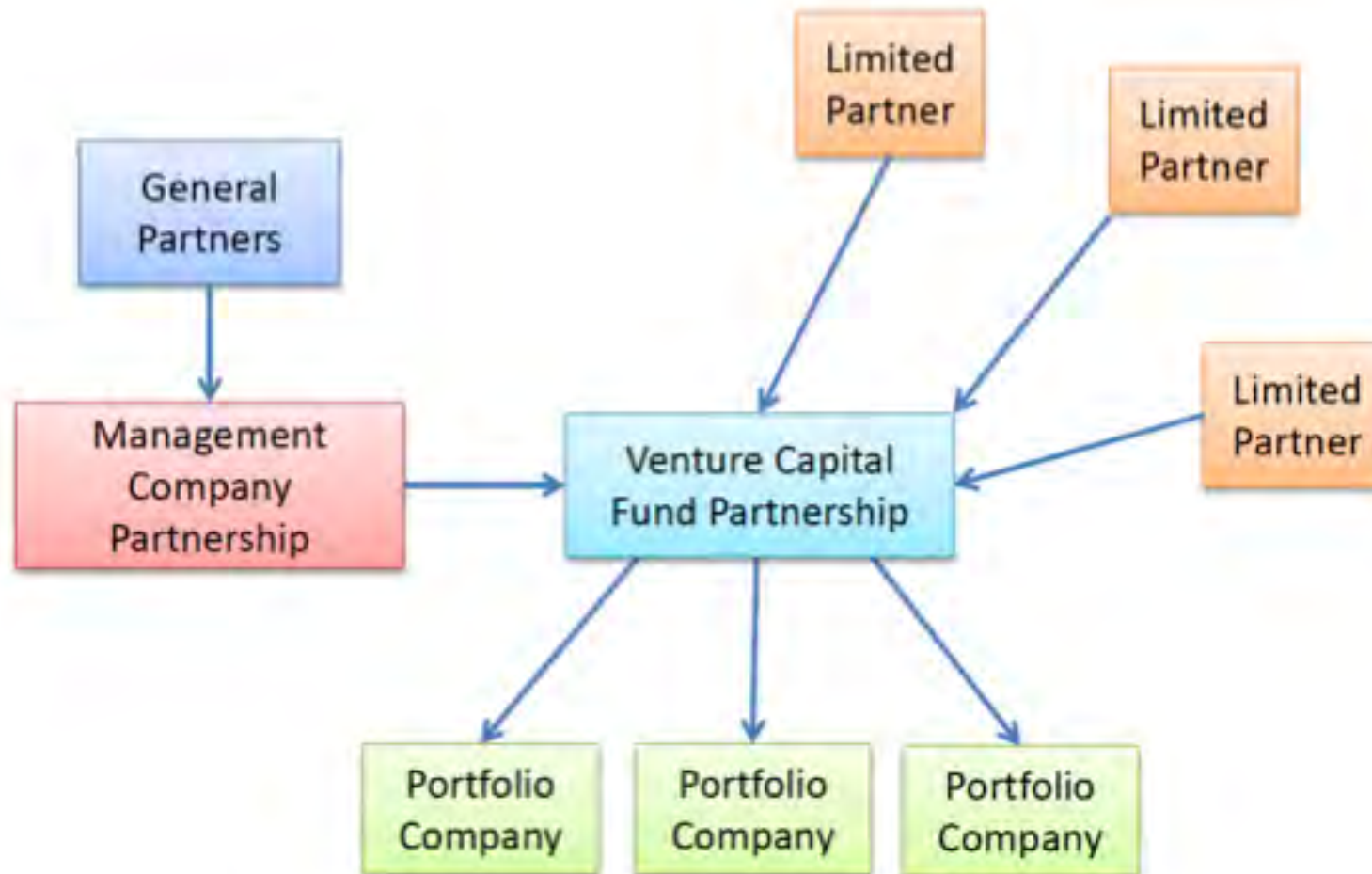


Active support for
company founders



Usually 10 year funds
investing in a portfolio
of 10-30 startups

Typical VC Fund Structure



What do venture capitalists do?



Typical VC investment process

Getting to know the founding team and business:
meetings, forming long term relationships

Several weeks or years



Due Diligence & Investment Memo
Investment Committee Meeting
Term sheet offer

4-8 weeks



Compliance and contracts
Capital deployment



Ongoing portfolio support

Up to 10 years

How do VCs assess companies?



Team



Market opportunities



Product market fit



Unit economics



Clear differentiation



Financials



Likely exit options

VC is a Small Asset Class, But Has an Outsized Impact on the Economy

R&D

- Globally, despite making up only a fifth of the public markets, venture-backed companies account for [44% of their total R&D spend](#).

Jobs

- Over a 10-year horizon, VC backed businesses see a [475% increase](#) in their employee-base, compared to just 230% for otherwise similar companies.

Shareholder Value

- From 1980 and 2020, [over a third](#) of all IPOs (39%) were venture-backed.
- Currently, seven [of the biggest 10 firms](#) in the world by market cap were built with the help of VC firms; (Apple, Microsoft, Amazon, Alphabet, Facebook, Tesla & Tencent).
- Shares in VC-backed companies grow more than 2x their non-VC-backed peers over a 10-year period

- **Introduction:**
The Australian VC Market

Australian VC Market Has Grown Quickly...

Emerging separation between large, scaled funds with strong local brands and smaller niche offerings



And with increasing institutional fund support...



AusSuper to enter local VC as industry funds eye private assets



Amanda Binding
AusSuper CEO

11/05/2018 10:00am

AusSuper has pledged to back more growth assets to attract institutional capital, as big industry funds increasingly looking to private deals to unlock opportunities and create new investment opportunities in the economy.

Speaking in The Australian Financial Review at the Australian Investment Conference on Thursday, AusSuper senior portfolio manager Simon Maxwell said the giant fund was interested in [local venture capital](#).
[See how the Super Fund's strategy is set to evolve in 2018 and 2019.](#)

Sam Sicilia on how super fund Hostplus became Australia's biggest tech VC backer



Paul Smith
Hostplus CEO

11/05/2018 10:00am

Hostplus super fund manager Paul Smith said the company's success as the most influential super in the Australian tech investment capital market, following its recent targeted to raise investment to over \$1 billion, was calling for more of the investment giant to continue to lead the future of the nation's economy.

Speaking in The Australian Financial Review, following a meeting of the Hostplus Board on Thursday, the \$1 billion fund's chief investment officer Sam Sicilia said the fund's recent focus on tech investment was a key part of its strategy to help develop the nation's economy, and called for more of the investment giant to continue to lead the future of the nation's economy.

AustralianSuper

TelstraSuper

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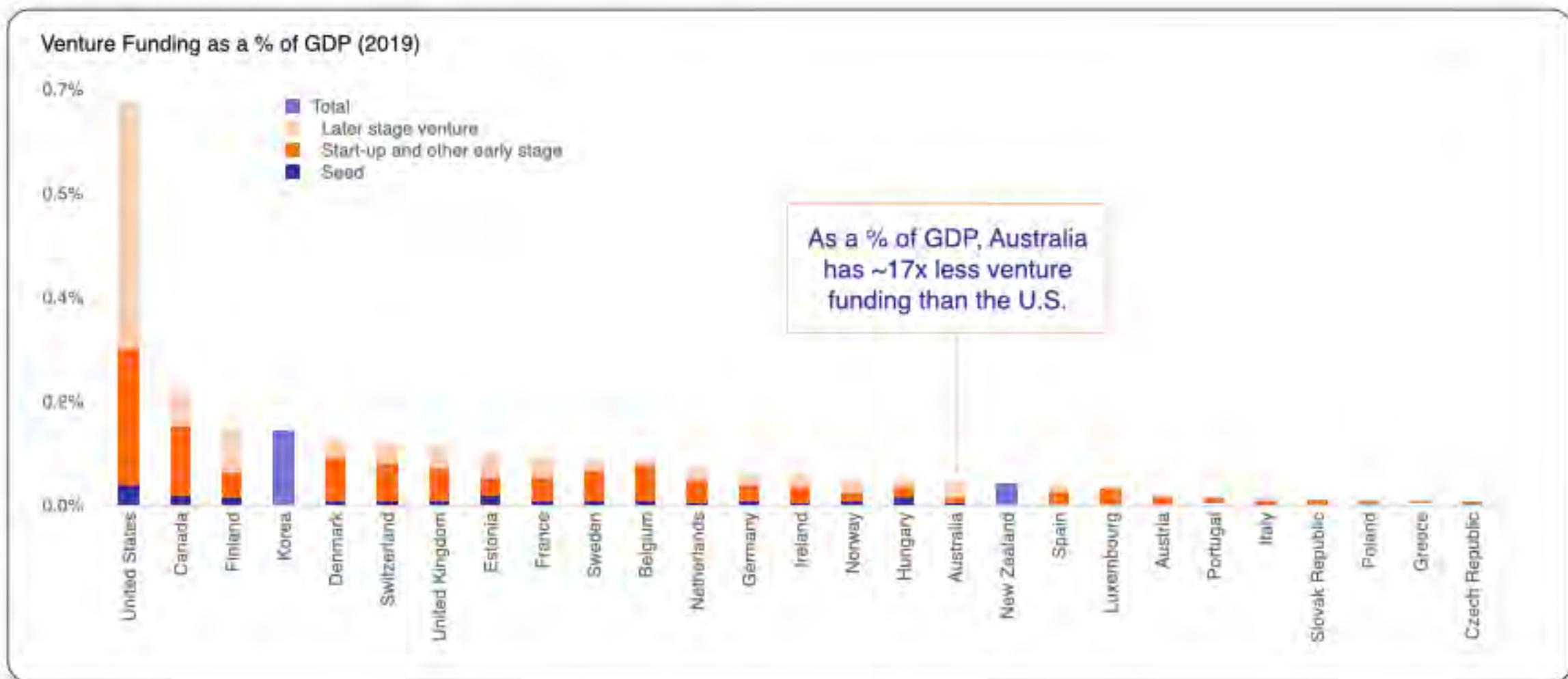


Australian Retirement Trust

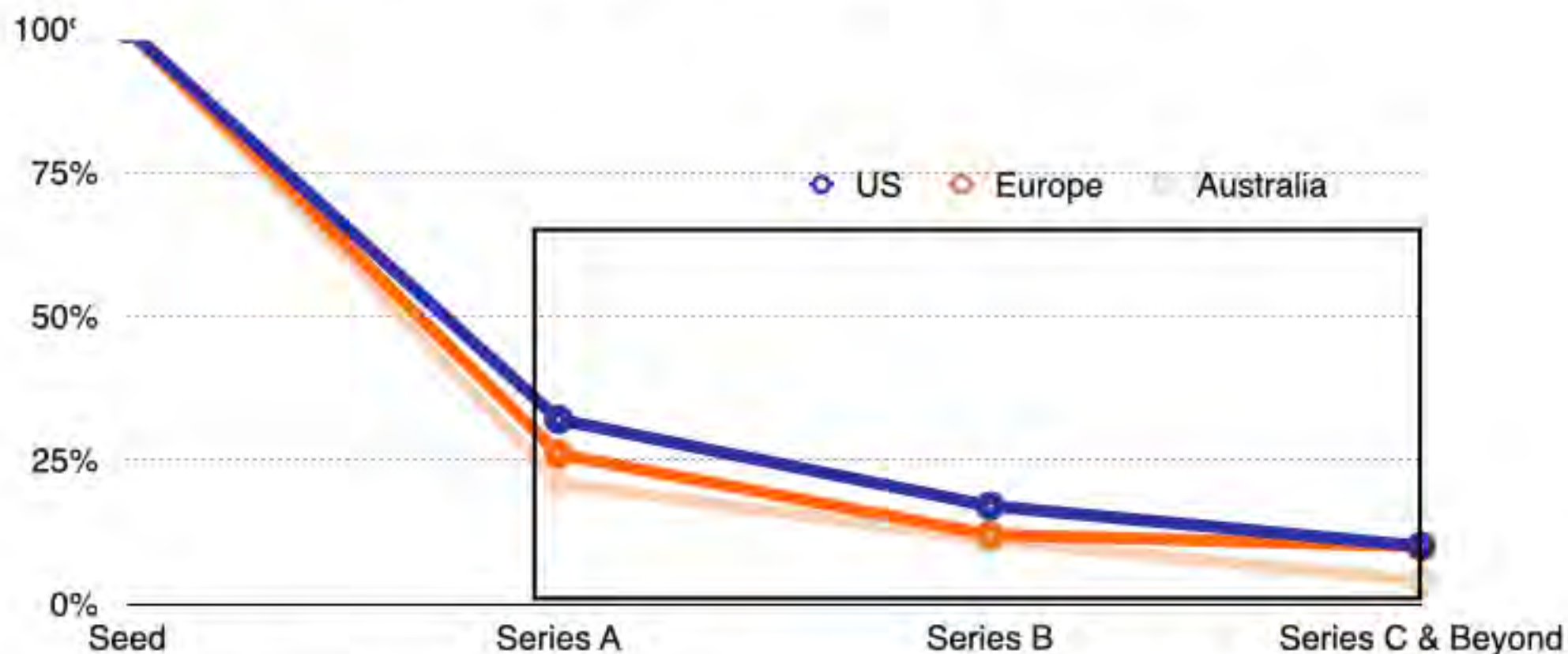
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... but it's still underserved

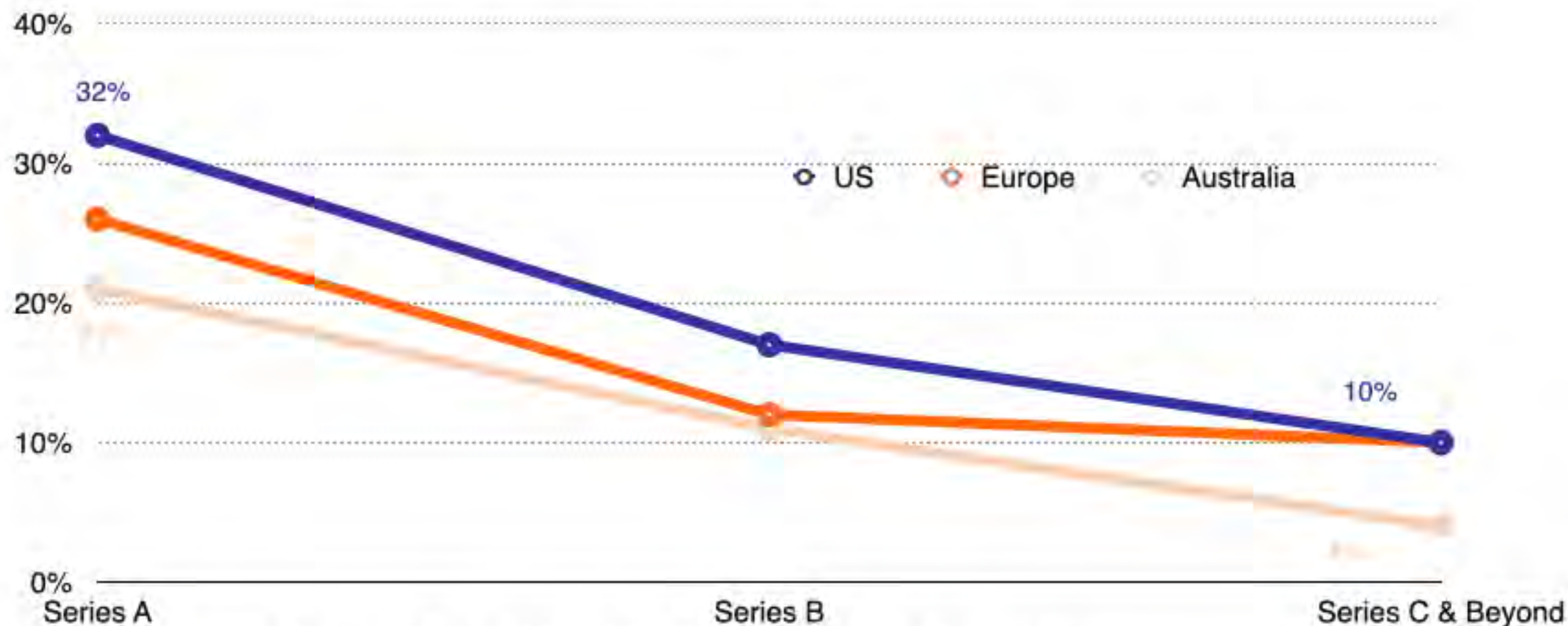


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Cohorts from 2009-2017 (based on date of seed funding)

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- # Policy Support

Policy support areas



Incentivise investment
into innovation



Create and attract globally
competitive talent



Support tech take-up
by Aussie businesses

Supporting founders



