

**Weekly PPG Update 23.6.25**

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It was a low resource, high mutual support endeavour that I hope was useful, and has grown your networks, supported your learning, or contributed positively in some other ways.

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Best wishes,

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