

STATE SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY SUBMISSION

GASCOYNE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Government must take a leadership role in facilitating the shift to a sustainable future. Often seen as leaders in our communities it is integral that State Government ensures a deeper understanding in our communities of sustainability principles and practices.

Sustainability is definitely a worthwhile pursuit and should be taken in the most serious of forms. The flow on benefits of sustainable practices are enormous, with positive repercussions for not only the environment but the users of the environment as well. With an increased focus on eco-tourism and its importance in our Region, we need to look towards positive action toward implementing sustainable practices, both locally and globally.

The role of government is very important in facilitating change towards sustainability in our communities. As a State Government agency it is important that we not only conduct as many sustainable practices ourselves, but also assist the community to understand ways and means of achieving sustainability. Government should be looking to address even minor changes in their workplaces, for example, to minimise paper usage, use recycled material where possible, car pool and so forth. It may only begin with small changes however, large flow on effects will occur as a result.

There has been a great deal of research and development in achieving sustainable practices and these should be referred to at all times. There perhaps is not a dire need for further exhaustive research and developments as much has already been done. We need to look at what has been done and try to encourage the adoption and implementation of current actions and developments.

The Commission is highly supportive of the Governments approach to implementing a State sustainable strategy. The Commission will continue to promote and encourage sustainable practices throughout the Gascoyne. Should you require further assistance from the Commission, please contact Michelle Beer on 08 9941 1803 or via email, mbeer@gdc.wa.gov.au. The Commission is committed to assisting with the strategy where possible.