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Dear Professor Newman,

On behalf of the KLC, please find enclosed two publications that I provide as submissions to the Sustainability Policy Unit for consideration in the development of sustainability strategies for Aboriginal nations in particular, and the WA community generally.

One publication describes the importance of valuing Indigenous knowledge Systems, of maintaining traditional ecological knowledge, of applying such knowledge to contemporary land and sea management, and how collaborative research can be an effective platform for establishing co-management and coexistence. It can be cited as.

Horstman M. and Wightman G. (2001) *kartpart* ecology: Recognition of Aboriginal ecological knowledge and its application to management in north-western Australia. *Ecological Management and Restoration* 2(2): 99-109

This paper refers to a Management Plan for Ngauwudu (Mitchell Plateau), prepared by the area's Traditional Owners and the KLC. It can be viewed on the web at <http://savanna.ntu.edu.au/research/projects/abkimb.html#plan>.

The other publication was commissioned by the National Land and Water Resources Audit and the CRC for Tropical Savannas Management. It outlines the information needs of Aboriginal land managers in the Kimberley. The report seeks to demonstrate the large pictorial format that is useful for providing information for community use. It can be cited as:

Walsh F (2002) *Information Needs and Media in Aboriginal Land Management; Kimberley WA*. Report to the KLC Land+Sea Management Unit for the National Land and Water Resources Audit; Broome, WA.

Although these publications have been prepared for purposes other than the Sustainability Strategy, they provide information that is highly relevant to the policies under consideration and their effective implementation. The "Information Needs" report is being prepared for

publication on the web, and we would be happy to provide a link from your site when it is ready.

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to the process. Yours sincerely,

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This submission also included the following attachments:

Attachment A: Karpanti ecology: Recognition of Aboriginal ecological knowledge and its application to management in north-western Australia

Attachment B: Information needs and Media in Aboriginal Land Management, Kimberley WA.

Contact the Sustainability Policy Unit of the Department of Premier and Cabinet to obtain copies.