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Dear Peter

Congratulations on the monumental work that you have produced. As you well know I have a keen interest in Civic Society and its role in Sustainable Local Economic Development and I was impressed to see that the WA Sustainability Strategy promotes best practices that are so dear to me, namely facilitation and support of private/public partnerships for local development. I believe, like you, that without local buy-in there can be no sustainable projects and ultimately the fate of our global village rests not with academics but with the villagers themselves.

The exhaustive study that you propose is about integrating the best resources that we have, at every level, in a synergistic and self-reinforcing way. The work is both inclusive and a call for inclusiveness and I hope that it will be heard by all the people of good will Western Australia. Sustainability cannot be achieved following a set of directions, rather is an attitude that has to permeate society.

The Western Australian State Sustainability Strategy is an enormous step in the culture-changing direction that your government is championing. Again congratulations.

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