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**Submissions on the Western Australia State Sustainability Strategy –
Consultation Draft.**

The Geographe Catchment Council – Geo Catch – fully endorse the initiative of the Sustainability Policy Unit in undertaking the preparation of a State Sustainability Strategy for Western Australia.

Similarly, the recommendations developed within the Strategy are broadly supported by GeoCatch.

It is felt however, that greater recognition and support of integrated catchment groups, should be included in the Strategy either in section sustainability Use of Natural Resources or Partnership for Action.

The strategic coordination role that integrated catchment groups such as GeoCatch, contribute to regional and state outcomes is critical to the progress towards sustainability in Western Australia. GeoCatch is a successful model of a community, local government and agency partnership approach towards sustainable natural resource management. I would be pleased to discuss this model further should you be interested.

Consistent and targeted support to integrated catchment groups is essential to ensure effective delivery of long-term sustainable natural resource outcomes.

Yours Faithfully

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