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Submission RE Sustainability paper.

I have attempted to study the paper in the time available. However, I found it rather bulky to read on line and I may have missed some points that I allege below are missing. I apologise in advance if this is so.

A good feature of the paper is that the Aboriginal people get plenty of thought. When the fuel runs out, we will probably revert to hunter gathering, so traditional people will be needed to perpetuate the human race.

My comments generally point out that following the recommendations in this paper will not ensure our survival. This requires many things, including a vast reduction in resources use, (to the point of only using renewable resources) until it is sustainable. Sustainability seems to be different.

1.. The size of the paper is excessive. The use of word processors is obvious due to the repetition of points in the paper. It is unacceptable in a sustainable society to waste such a large amount of paper. Also time is wasted reading the paper by civil servants, scholars, and concerned citizens.

2.. The paper states the problems to be solved very well, but does not give any physical targets. For example, it mentions population size, but no Population policy. Without a Population control policy, we will eventually run out of something.

3.. I refer now to Sustainability Section1 page 14. "eco-efficiency" means to double wealth while halving resource use. Halving resource use will allow the same population to enjoy scarce resources for twice as long, but not forever.

4.. Referring now to 2. Framework Box 5. I believe having small blocks near Perth is still not sustainable. Example: Even mopeds use fuel that will eventually run out.

5.. #5. Natural Resources Box 26 mentions Rottenest Island becoming sustainable. But there is a ballot to go there, so not everyone is happy.

6.. The paper covers State (WA) and Global aspects, but not Commonwealth.

7.. Proposed Actions Section

8.. 4.59, 4.6.1 and 4.78. How much energy will having four star housing design, correctly orientated on the block, save?

4.7 advocates renewable energy for remote locations, but we have just let contracts in Derby for diesel power. What about the tidal power scheme?

5.28 Although bike use is to be promoted, there is no mention of countering police bias against cyclists. Please note I am still waiting since 1971 for an explanation for the non prosecution of a driver who deliberately ran me off the road twice, and stated he would do it again in front of witnesses!

9.. I believe the State must dig up its resources regardless of sustainability, to avoid a war of conquest from the resource hungry.

For your interest please.

Regards

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