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*Dear Sir/Madam*

**Re:    *Submission on the WA State Sustainability Strategy Consultation Draft***

*The draft Strategy has been studied at officer level and the document is a sound attempt to provide some direction on this important issue.*

*Some observations where more work may be needed are itemised below:*

- §**   *Who will coordinate the overall process at the State level eg. a Sustainability Commission?  
For example DPI may be able to look at social issues, the EPA at environmental and Treasury at financial but there is no one coordinating body. That body will need staff and finances to be sure it operates effectively.*
- §**   *How will the Strategy be implemented?  
There are hundreds of officers within the various government agencies and it is essential all of those officers work to support the strategy and not to hinder it or hinder initiatives Council start to achieve the goals of the Strategy.*
- §**   *If local government is to be expected to embrace the Strategy, then resources should be considered to ensure its success. All too often Councils are asked to implement State initiatives, but without resources from the State.*

*I apologise for the lateness of this submission but hope it will be of assistance.*

*Yours faithfully,*

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