

Dear Sir / Madam,

Two things struck me from the briefings and discussions on this area I attended.

1. Could Perth revitalise its ferries networks in the same way Sydney has? The jetties all seem to still exist, car-parking would not be difficult to create for cars which were not within walking distance, and a couple of loop circuits up and down the swan would surely not be hard? It's possible people in Perth do not work in the CBD to the same extent they do in Sydney. If it was possible though, obviously it would ease traffic and its associated costs, promote public transport, and perhaps also be a charming, soothing way to travel.
2. It seems like the easiest approach to take for everything would be to take whatever the UN has come up with, and then make in a flow-down order all national>state>local>community policies in line with that. That way we would have a coherent approach, adapted to be suitable to the individual environment wherever required, yet coherent with a world approach, which will allow us to network and benchmark against the work of others around the globe, more easily. I mean this not just in a government sense - but also in an industry one. If we take an approach to classification or reporting which is "made in WA" - any goods or services which are innovative or valuable to the Australian or world community, would have to undergo a translation process before being able to be taken up by others - and in the same way, any work they do, would have to be translated into WA standards. I can't help but feel that this would be wasteful in the extreme, but some of the discussion did seem to be tending that way, through a focus on "what's going on here" - rather than "what's happening everywhere, and how does it apply to the issues we face here"..

All the best,

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