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State Sustainability Strategies  
To the Sustainability Policy Unit

Dear Madam/Sir

I would encourage the strongest possible Sustainability Commission which oversees the Biodiversity Commission, the Environmental Protection Authority, as well as economic and social agencies.

My concerns are as follows:

- That business take responsibility for their environmentally dangerous waste in a safe friendly to earth manner.
- That greenhouse emissions are reduced. I encourage the government to prompt and require all businesses to use correct and proper filters/methods to reduce dangerous gases that feed into the atmosphere.
- That plastic of all sorts are the responsibility of the companies who make them, to dispose of them and this built in to the cost. I include plastic all foil coated products such as fluid containers milk, juices, etc.
- That recycle – reuse is best practice.
- That dangerous to environment products such as medications paints and all forms of batteries are, strictly collected/effectively dismantled and recycled/disposed of not stock piled till they became an environmental disaster or are placed in landfill. Information posted permanently as to where to take poisons medications batteries oils, etc.
- I would like to express my concern very strongly to protect all old growth, regrowth, road side, **understudy** ??/and forests that are left in WA to keep and maintain them. That when companies and individuals and developers buy or own land to live/for subdivision, that they by law/or restriction are required to save the wildflowers, native grasses **understudy** ??? habitat trees and logs. People have to attend information sessions before they clear to build and are restricted to the amount of clearing for building so as to maintain the biodiversity that exists, instead of creating an area for weed infestation and reduction of habitable landscape for native animal and reptiles and birds.

I encourage urban development only to occur on already cleared land and that feral animals such as cats/dogs to be sterilized caged or a-no-go zone for people to plant only to that area plants that do not become an environmental weed/hazard. We already have these problems demonstrated in bridal creeper and watsonia, etc.

- For the Government to respect Indigenous Australians right to return to their lands not owned by Individuals or for catchment purposes. To have self determination for a genuine reconciliation and holistic approach be allowed for their communities to become sustainable and healthy.

- To prevent any further deforestation and clearing to develop only on cleared land. To protect all our pristine wildernesses and for each individual person to replant trees local to that area to 'make up' for the damage that has been done from farming practices that we as Australians have all indirectly or directly benefited from.
- For the Government not to allow GM (genetically modified) plants/crops to be introduced into WA. Super weeds resistant to sprays are a problem in other countries and cross contamination of non GM crops is a problem in USA/Canada and Mexico. It will become a problem here. Let us not have a reduced selling ability for grains. Other countries want GM free foods/grains/protein/oils, etc.

Please make this an accountable strong sustainable future for WA.

Thank you.

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