

SUMMARY AND RESPONSE TO PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS ON THE DRAFT STATE SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY September 2003

Section Seven – Sustainability and community Introduction

CIB #	Submission paragraph/ page #	Paragraph Text	Response
200218739: The Social Responsibilities Commission	11	<p><i>Concern No. 2: Estimating Compensation Costs of the Transition to Sustainability</i></p> <p>Second, there is insufficient recognition in the Draft Strategy of the likely costs of change to certain sections of the community in adopting a truly sustainable path. These costs will be associated particularly with changed employment patterns and, at least temporarily, upward movements in the prices of many goods and services.</p> <p>Fundamentally, achieving sustainability in Western Australia requires change in the behaviour of the state's human population. The recommendations in the Draft Strategy all boil down to human behavioural modification in some form or another. Thus achieving true sustainability requires widespread community recognition and acceptance of such behavioural changes. Given the democratic nature of our society, achieving sustainability in Western Australian thus will rely upon the state's people voluntary actions as much as it will rely upon the actions of the state apparatus.</p> <p>Such popular behavioural change will not occur widely enough to allow the transition to sustainability to occur as quickly as possible if the transition to a sustainable future promises to produce a wide gap between relative 'winners' and 'losers'. Until the likely costs of change – and more particularly their <i>distribution</i> throughout the community – are worked out the state government is likely to find itself unprepared to swiftly buy off opposition to the necessary changes in production practices and goods and services prices needed to achieve sustainability in Western Australia. In the state government being thus unprepared the chances of achieving sustainability in Western Australia as quickly as is possible will be lowered greatly.</p>	Agreed but it is not sustainability if we reduce consumption by hitting the poor.
200300297: City of Joondalup	39	This section is well articulated, firmly prioritizing human needs overall. Given that this is the case, it would seem appropriate to have placed this section ahead of the others in the document. Regional planning that breaks down the silos between various government departments – education, justice etc is a laudable strategy.	Noted.

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200300887: Australian Corporate Citizenship Alliance	22	<p>In addition to dealing with the practicalities already covered in section 7, there is an opportunity to design the kind of society and culture we want to leave as a legacy for WA's future generations.</p> <p>This overall strategic design would then act as a blueprint for the operational areas described in the strategy and, through its development, may highlight other actions required to achieve the preferred future. It would assist in short and medium term decision-making, enabling those involved to test the long-term impact of their policy decisions. It would provide a framework to conduct a gap analysis as to what is desired for the future and what currently exists.</p>	Noted.
200219280: City of Swan	47	<p>The State Sustainability Strategy is a very large document and in a way piecemeal from a community perspective. Most of the issues to do with better services to the community are covered in the Governance Section ie suggested changes to the way that Government funding is distributed to programs/ projects etc. There needs to be greater focus on coordination of funding options between Government agencies so that not-for-profit organisations can access funding grants to meet the desired outcomes for local communities through one co-ordinating agency. The existing process for community service/project funding is currently program and output focussed with extensive compliance and reporting requirements from both a service delivery and fiscal perspective. Additionally, small not for profit organisations are required to submit to several funding agencies to accumulate sufficient funds to achieve the economy of scale required to achieve long term operational survival.</p>	Noted.

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200303161: William (Bill) Grace	22	<p>Sustainability and Community: Although this comment is not particularly important in the context of the draft Strategy I have some concerns over Figure 10 and its associated text in this section. Peter Newman has also used this in several of the seminars. The graphic depicts the inter-relationship between civil society, the market and the Government with the following descriptions:</p> <p>Civil Society: Values and Visions (long term) Market: Consumer Products and Services Government: Regulations and Infrastructure</p> <p>This description and the following text completely dis-regards the role of government as the elected representative of the community, and infers that the government merely responds to ideas generated by special interest groups with rules and roads. While this may be the view of cynics about the current state of politics, surely the Sustainability Strategy is all about the government adopting a leadership position to drive sustainability in the interests of the community as a whole, not just special interest groups. I believe sustainability policy is a positive force for greater democracy, ie that it improves the representative nature of government. To describe the relationship between the government and civil society as a "partnership" seems to abandon the concept of government as a representative of the society. The document is filled with proposals for action by government that go beyond "regulations and infrastructure".</p>	Changed text to explain this further.
	22 cont.	<p>The chosen definition of sustainability, and the 164 pages preceding this one, make it clear that the Strategy is about the community (<i>current and future generations</i>) and so it seems incongruent to suggest here that "<i>community is so important to sustainability</i>".</p> <p>While it is understood that this text is really just an introduction to the community actions, I feel the present draft offers a somewhat cynical and fatalistic view of the relationship between government and society. I would prefer to see the introduction focus on the fact that the Strategy is about the community and that improved social capital is one of the prime dividends from it.</p>	Noted.
200303266: Melville Conservation Group	5	<p>On the presumption that consumption will decrease and a technological fix will be found, we may end up with a huge population, facing famine, disease and warfare. This is the fate of previous communities that could not read their landscape and unwittingly committed ecological suicide. Tinkering around with methods to ration water or shuffling households closer together in higher density housing does not solve the problems of population pressure. It results in making a lot more discomfort for a lot more people.</p>	Noted.

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200303740: WA Council of Social Services (WACOSS)	3, 5 p.4	<p>The definition of social sustainability provided in the <i>Consultation Draft</i> refers to the concept of social capital as the networks that link people to their communities. We believe that social capital provides only a partial conceptualisation of social sustainability, and that the notion of social capital as 'networks' is further a partial conceptualisation of social capital.</p> <p>...</p> <p>We would therefore argue that social sustainability requires further definition, in a way that speaks to both process and outcomes, and as per our previous submission, would argue that the Model of Social Sustainability developed by WACOSS provides a starting point for this work. ...</p>	The final Strategy refers to the work of WACOSS in this regard.
200303590: WA Collaboration	Rec. 6	<p>Recommendation 6 Address unemployment</p> <p>There are a number of specific measures which State Government departments and agencies can take to address unemployment, particularly localised unemployment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capital works projects funded by the State Government should include provision for targeting the long-term unemployed and those otherwise disadvantaged in the labour market as a proportion of the workforce, and this requirement should be specified in project tender documents. • 'Reasonable hours' legislation in state awards should be enforced. • State Government employees should be encouraged to job share and take part-time work arrangements. • Specific industry development programs should be implemented in the employment-intensive areas of health and community services and environmental protection and repair, so that job generation also meets social and environmental needs. 	This position is partially reflected in the final Strategy.
	Rec. 8	<p>Address poverty and disadvantage</p> <p>To assist Western Australians in poverty, the State Government should fund:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A 'Financial Advice Hotline' similar to those operating in other Australian States to provide Western Australians with detailed financial advice. This cost effective strategy will allow regional, rural and remote people to access financial advice and will decrease demand on financial counselling services. • Fund community education projects that encourage community awareness of poverty and sustainable living and provide general education on issues of credit and debt. ▪ Fund programs for assisting disadvantaged children to get into school and remain there, with financial support to assist with school fees, books and so on. 	The final Strategy explicitly acknowledges poverty and its links with sustainability.

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200219116: Wheatbelt Development Commission	8	In terms of the region’s social environment, there are more important issues not addressed in this document, which affect the Wheatbelt region’s social sustainability. More resources need to be invested into social aspects of the community, as opposed to investing all resources into economically sound projects. Examples include improved education and health facilities, better recreational facilities and the promotion of arts and culture. Investment into these services in the Wheatbelt is limited as the perception is that low population does not warrant this investment and cannot be justified in economic terms.	The Strategy reflects the importance of these areas.
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Community services and development

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200302863: Property Council of Australia	20	The “ <i>number of Regional Integrated Community Services Plans that are completed</i> ” is an indicator in the draft strategy on page 170. These would apparently involve co-location of services and will require consistency and integration with planning laws. There needs to be further consideration of this interaction. The strategy also refers to comprehensive regional agreements. These should not become yet another layer of planning processes – but update and enhance our planning system in a workable manner. It is vital that any changes to planning processes do not further delay planning developments, which would cost the community in terms of fewer community facilities, fewer jobs and less tax revenue.	All indicators and targets have been removed from the final Strategy.
200300348: City of Bunbury	51	Local government is the closest level of government to the community and best represents the attitudes of the community. Local municipal boundaries and local council politics have hindered the development of cost sharing of service provisions and development of regional integrated community services. Unfortunately the current state government has publicly stated that there will be no forced amalgamations, nor has it provided an independent and non political debate on the advantages, disadvantages and cost of maintaining the current number of local governments to the community.	Noted.
200300357: Water Corp	49	On page167, there is a list of government agencies involved in the delivery of community services. It is suggested that this list could be amended to include the Water Corporation.	This is reflected in the final Strategy.
200300368: City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder	47	A sensible balance needs to be struck between community services and community needs. This balance is best achieved at a local level with the resource support of state government.	Noted.
	48	The need for Regional Councils to create Regional Integrated Community Services Plans is considered positive but adequate resources should be made available.	Noted.
200300363: Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council	99	The proposed development of a Policy on Regional Integrated Community Services based in Regional Councils (Action 5.1) is an action that will have direct relevance to the EMRC and member Councils. The involvement of the community (Action 5.2), utilising the Consulting Citizens Resource Guide (Action 5.3) reviewing crime prevention programs (Action 5.4) and capacity building at the community level to support carers and volunteers (Action 5.5) are key initiatives that would link to a Regional Integrated Community Services program. The EMRC is in a position to undertake an advocacy and facilitation role for these proposed activities, which would benefit the delivery of member Councils services in this area.	Noted.

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200303160: Goldfields Esperance Development Commission	Pg. 8	The co-ordination of services across the three tiers of government has always been a challenge and there is still a large degree of overlap with agencies working in isolation and unaware of what other departments are doing. This is particularly evident in the more remote regions such as Ngaanyatjaraku. The Regional Integrated Community Service Plans is considered positive and should be appropriately resourced.	Noted.
200309737: Office for Women	15	The State Sustainability Strategy currently holds a number of opportunities for the inclusion of gender equity principles. They include ensuring that: . women tend to participate as volunteers in community environmental projects, this reflects the differences in the day to day lives of women and men	This has been reflected in the final Strategy. See <i>Sustainability and community</i> .
200302729: Shire of Serpentine- Jarrahdale	10, pg. 16	<i>Objectives</i> State government to provide support to local government who play a large role in the community development and coordinating community services.	Noted.
	11, pg. 16	Action 5.2 to achieve this proposed action local government would need to be engaged and supported as they are the key agency in dealing with local communities.	Noted.
	12, pg. 16	The role of local government in the delivery of community services seems to have been overlooked in the strategy.	The final Strategy emphasises the importance of involving all levels of government in the development of joined-up responses.
	13, pg. 16	There needs to be programs established that identify key people in communities as leaders and change agents and support and training given to these people. The role of government in community development is to support and foster the potential of communities to lead and make change by building the capacity especially through people who are identified as key multipliers.	Noted.
	14, pg. 16	<i>Indicators and Targets</i> Indicators of sustainable community development and services include unemployment rates in local areas, crime rates and high school retention rates among many others.	All indicators and targets have been removed from the final Strategy.
200303590: WA Collaboration	Rec. 2	Support community action for sustainability There are already a large number of community groups and non-government or not-for-profit organisations undertaking substantial work towards a just and sustainable future for Western Australia. This work of the community and NGO sector should be supported through a range of measures, including secure funding, capacity building and recognition of the work of the voluntary sector.	Noted.

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200303590: WA Collaboration	Rec. 7	<p>A 'Thriving Communities Pilot Program'</p> <p>The State Government should develop a 'Thriving Communities Pilot Program' which focuses on the prevention of local social and environmental problems through collaborative partnerships between government, community organisations and local people.</p> <p>These pilots are to be situated in a mixture of metropolitan and regional high need areas. Community development funds would be made available in the first instance to pilot regions to facilitate collaboration between government and community services. Local networks will integrate the wide range of pre-existing local structures to develop a responsive local network that focuses on outcomes for the community.</p> <p>These networks should become the vehicle to implement government priority social and environmental initiatives. These networks could then feed into regional approaches to sustainability (see Recommendation 35).</p>	The final Strategy commits to investigating the establishment of a neighbourhood renewal initiative to contribute to a sustainable future for local communities.
	Rec. 37	<p>Regional support for NGO sector</p> <p>The State Government through the various Regional Development Commissions should support the establishment of not-for-profit community service networks in the regions as a means to capacity build community services in rural and remote areas.</p>	Noted.
	Rec. 47	<p>Community legal services</p> <p>The legal rights and access to justice of those who are most vulnerable in our community must be protected. Additional funds must be provided to expand the level of community legal services in Western Australia. Funding should be linked to the findings of and the proposals arising out of the review of legal services currently being undertaken by the State and Commonwealth Governments in Western Australia.</p>	Noted.
200303076: WA Sustainable Energy Association (WA SEA)	2, p.17	<p><i>'The number of Regional Integrated Community Services Plans completed'</i> (Page 170) Comments: WA SEA does not believe this is a true indicator of effectiveness and should be revised to focus on action not planning.</p>	All indicators and targets have been removed from the final Strategy.

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200300358: F. Schnattler	Sec. 7.0, pg. 3	What is the Consulting Citizens Resource Guide? Please, explain.	The Consulting Citizens: A Resource Guide was published by the Citizens and Civics Unit, Department of the Premier and Cabinet, to provide guidelines to the public sector for consulting with citizens.
	Sec. 7.0, pg. 5	Use a BEvolutionary set of societal concepts and systems to enhance the abilities and resilience of individuals at critical life stages, especially carers, researchers, scientists and workers that do not work for military purposes.	Noted.

Housing and sustainability

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200303065: City of Gosnells	50	Recognising that changes to the Building Codes of Australia are imminent, the City of Gosnells urges the state government to take a further step and mandate energy efficiency standards for residential and commercial buildings.	The final Strategy provides for the further promotion of existing house energy rating schemes as a means to meet and exceed the BCA's mandatory energy efficiency requirements for new homes as well as the promotion of the Australian Building Greenhouse Rating scheme for benchmarking and improving the energy efficiency of office buildings. See <i>Sustainable energy</i> .
200302863: Property Council of Australia	22	There are several references to the need for affordable housing. However, the strategy does not, in any rigorous way at this stage, consider the costs and benefits of strategies to deliver affordable housing...The Property Council believes the development of a listed housing trust, modelled on existing listed property trusts, but supported by a Government subsidy, could deliver extensive affordable housing to Western Australians suffering from 'housing stress'. An alternative approach would be to provide for tenants to grow an equity interest in their properties. Affordable housing policies must also address some tensions with sustainable developments.	Noted.
200209416: City of Belmont	14	Sustainable housing design and construction guidelines should be developed by the state in close collaboration with local governments. However, issues of practicability and affordability should not be ignored if the community is to be supportive.	Noted.
200302856: City of Stirling	35	These actions are generally supported, but will require close scrutiny on the outcomes, prior to adoption.	Noted.
200219280: City of Swan	48	Local government is not a Redevelopment Authority and is not in a position to provide public housing, but does perhaps have a facilitation role.	Noted.

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200300357: Water Corp	50	On page 171, the text discusses what “good housing” should provide. It is relevant to flag here that in addition to requirements for an individual house, “good housing” should also be examined in the regional and subdivision planning stages. All too often, a local council will approve land subdivisions anticipating that the Water Corporation will secure buffers, provide wastewater treatment plants, secure land for infrastructure and service corridors and provide major extensions to the Corporation’s reticulation system, with no thought as to either the infrastructure or source required for water supply, infrastructure and disposal mechanisms required for wastewater treatment or costs.	Noted.
	51	As also stated in the section “Managing urban and regional growth”, one of the factors for urban and rural decline is when the cost of infrastructure provision is higher by a factor of one or more than the value of the improved land. There is a very real need to link development with the availability of natural resources and to ensure that approved land uses reflect the sustainability of the natural resources on a catchment basis.	Noted.
200300368: City of Kalgoorlie- Boulder	49	Sustainability in housing should reflect the community in which it is being developed.	Noted.
200303160: Gold Esperance Development Commission	Pg. 9	The role of local government and housing associations are vital to sustainability. Sustainability in housing should ideally reflect the community in which it is developed, particularly in Indigenous communities.	Noted.
200300363: Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council	100	The proposed development of a Statement of Planning Policy on Public Housing, community Housing and Affordable Private Housing (Action 5.6) is supported, but will require Local Government input to ensure that policy objectives prepared by the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) are practical and achievable. An evaluation of under-utilised government owned land close to services (Action 5.7), the development of a community housing framework involving standards and accreditation (Action 5.8) and various research and training activities to increase sustainable housing design and construction (Actions 5.9 and 5.10) are commended, but would need to involve Local Government in their development.	Noted.

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20038900: Mr Bernd Bartl	1	This submission is made in support of a policy, implemented through statutory provisions, that: 1. all new housing should be accessible and/or adaptable as soon as possible; and 2. the existing built environment should be systematically improved in its level of accessibility within timely deadlines. Original document has details on the points	Noted.
200217800: Michael Bell	44	Draftsmen, planners and domestic appliance manufacturers to be forced to adopt safe working products and install them in safe places.	Noted.
200303088: Australian Association of Planning Consultants (AAPC)	7, par 2	Housing needs to be considered in terms of choice, affordability, flexibility, tenure, and social mix with product opportunities arising from mixed use, land recycling and building conversion. These factors need to be reflected in housing policy and strategies at both Local and State Government level. Opportunities for additional housing in accessible locations that are well serviced with existing facilities and infrastructure should be investigated for all government redevelopment sites within the metropolitan and regional areas. Examine opportunities for housing on all government redevelopment sites within the metropolitan regional areas.	The State Government is currently developing a Housing Strategy.
200303092: Housing Industry Association (HIA)	p.17	Without a market demand for 'green' housing and without research to make the business case for builders to make the transition, HIA's programme is made more difficult. Hence HIA requests the State Government to include it in its Round Table and Partnership programmes and to continue to acknowledge and to expand its relationship with GreenSmart as has commenced with the Department of Housing and Works and LandCorp. 5.9&5.10: Housing research provided by AHURI should play a role in research into mainstream housing not merely social housing. Research into housing issues generally would be more effective if Government partnered with HIA to determine research priorities for all housing not just social housing.	Noted. Noted.
200303224: Minister McHale	6	Application of the government's Percent for Art Scheme should be considered as part of the proposed <i>Statement of Planning Policy on Public and Community Housing</i> .	Noted.
200302729: Shire of Serpentine-Jarrahdale	5, pg. 17	<i>Objectives</i> Ensure all new public housing is within walking distance of a train station or major bus node. This provides affordable and sustainable solutions to low income people and avoids more cars being necessary.	Noted.

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200302729: Shire of Serpentine- Jarrahdale	6, pg. 17	Action 5.6 developing local housing strategies on a regional basis should provide a better solution and also overcome the "not in my Backyard" syndrome if the housing are distributed evenly throughout the Perth metro region.	The final Strategy acknowledges this through the development of a policy on public housing, community housing and affordable private housing with groups of local regional councils. See <i>Housing and sustainability</i> .
	7, pg. 17	Action 5.9 Minimum sustainable building standard could be mandated for public housing, this is an area that needs low energy use and low cost housing more than the general housing market. It also provides an excellent opportunity to demonstrate that it is achievable.	The final Strategy supports the intent of this proposal through a number of actions, including demonstrating the use of sustainability benchmarks for government projects, promoting the application of mandatory minimum building standards, appointing a Government architect and developing and promoting best practice standards in government housing and buildings. See <i>Building sustainably</i> .
	8, pg. 17	<i>Indicators and Targets</i> An indicator of sustainable housing and the provision of affordable housing in the Perth region would be the reduction in requirements of public housing.	All indicators and targets have been removed from the Final Strategy.
200303590: WA Collaboration	Rec. 39	Public housing The State Government should lobby the Commonwealth Government to increase their annual commitment to the Commonwealth State Housing Agreement, in order to arrest the decline in funding over the last decade and to respond to increasing unmet housing need and the needs of 28 000 Western Australian households now spending more than 30% of their income on housing.	
	Rec. 40	State Housing Strategy The State Housing Strategy should develop targets for social housing stock, both as absolute numbers and relative to total housing stock. Financial modelling should be undertaken to identify the amount of funding required and a funding strategy should be developed to achieve these targets.	The State Government is currently developing a State Housing Strategy.
200300358: F. Schnattler	Sec. 7.1, pg. 5	Realise CASHBOX (CASHBOX = Centre for Climate Adapted Solar Houses Beating Off Xenogenesis) to facilitate systematically BEvolutionary research and training for a SEENergetic community and the provision and location of private and public housing in Western Australia with the beginning of 2003.	Noted.

Sustaining healthy communities

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200303065: City of Gosnells	52	The potential for local governments to address inequalities in health through addressing the underlying social, economic and environmental factors should be recognised and resourced accordingly.	Noted.
200300089: Phil Thompson	25	"... and continuous urban growth continue to degrade the environment,...": At last, an acknowledgement of the problem presented by continuous urban growth; but the draft proposes no action on the matter.	The final Strategy addresses this issue in <i>Managing urban and regional growth</i> including through the suggestion to consider and decide on the establishment of an urban growth boundary as part of the Greater Perth process.
200300306: WA Bicycle Committee	9	Proposed Action 5.14 should be amended to include a reference to cycling and walking; either: "refer section 4.15" or "...approaches to such activities as cycling and walking in order to reduce..."	The contribution of walking and cycling is to a healthy society is acknowledged in the text of <i>Sustaining healthy communities</i> .
200219280: City of Swan	49	Greater need to focus on social determinants as recognised and encouraged by WHO.	The final Strategy considers acknowledges the contribution of a number of social determinants to the <i>Sustaining healthy communities</i> .
	50	Need to realize that the Health System is unsustainable, ie the focus on treatment is unsustainable and need to shift more to prevention and wellness. Removing the causes of sickness.	The final Strategy emphasises the importance of early intervention and wellness.
	51	Commendation for the concept of incentives and disincentives in promoting healthier lifestyles. This concept needs to be pursued.	Noted.
	52	Urge to focus on identifying proactive strategies that promote and enhance as well as address reactive issues.	Noted.
	53	Concerned at indicators or longevity of life – is this sustainable and at what cost, what about the quality of life. This is not a good indicator on its own without context and clarification.	All indicators have been removed from the final Strategy.
200300368: City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder	50	Communities need to be built around facilities to ensure the needs of the community are met. Primary health care is of concern to communities and access to these facilities is of vital importance. Community health is a reflection of the regions health, necessitating the support for fledgling industries as well as established industries.	Noted.

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200300363: Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council	101	Many of the actions under this theme are specific to the State Government. Support the existing role of the health sector and health programs that deal with long term health issues (Action 5.11) and continuing health programs that recognise cultural and remote communities is the responsibility of the Health Department of Western Australia. Ensuring that health is a part of the Regional Integrated Community Service Plans (Action 5.12) and providing links between the health sector and other agencies (Action 5.14) will need to be considered by Regional Councils and Local Governments should this initiative be supported.	Noted.
	102	Developing health impact assessments as part of a sustainability assessment process (Action 5.15) and pursuing the recommendations of the Report of the Health Administration Review (Action 5.16) are the responsibility of the State Government. Initiating a program to enhance the delivery of services to 0-8 year olds and their families (Action 5.17) requires the involvement of key government agencies (including Local Government) and local communities.	Noted.
200303160: Goldfields Esperance Development Commission	Pg. 9	This is vital for the sustainability of any community but more so in regional communities where the attraction of professional medical staff is an issue. Community health is a broad issue and provision of these services crucial in regional areas.	Noted.
200309737: Office for Women	9	The State Sustainability Strategy currently holds a number of opportunities for the inclusion of gender equity principles. They include ensuring that: . gender analyse the impact of environmental health risks (different health risks for women and men given different biological makeup)	Gender issues have been more explicitly addressed in the final State Sustainability Strategy.
200302729: Shire of Serpentine- Jarrahdale	9, pg. 17	<i>Proposed Actions</i> Local Government plays a crucial role in local and regional communities in ensuring health standards are maintained through the work of the Environmental Health Officers. This needs to be linked to the work of state government and other health agencies to achieve a more integrated approach.	This is implied in the actions contained in the final Strategy.
200303590: WA Collaboration	Rec. 9	Disability funding A significant number of people with disabilities and their families are in critical circumstances and urgently require services such as accommodation, respite and alternatives to employment. These crises are real and reflect poorly on our community. The State Government should provide adequate funding to ensure that people with disabilities and their families have the opportunities to participate in the life of the community and have a quality of life that reflects the standards set out in the <i>Disabilities Services Act 1993 (WA)</i> .	Noted.

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200219116: Wheatbelt Development Commission	20	Sustaining country health services by providing incentives to attract and retain medical practitioners does not provide a sustainable health service. What it provides is a health service that is underpinned by incentives that may or may not continue.	Noted.
200300358: F. Schnattler	Sec. 7.2, pg. 6	What are the recommendations of the Report of the Health Administrative Review Committee? Where is this information available?	The Report of the Health Administrative Review Committee contained a number of recommendations. More information on the report and current activities in this area can be obtained by contacting the Health Reform Branch within the Department of Health.
	Sec. 7.2, pg. 7	Vision concepts and realise systems by involving relevant societally administrative agencies and local communities to enhance and review the planning and usage of services to zero (0) to ten (10) year olds, their families and carers by the end of 2003.	Noted.

Education and community awareness for sustainability

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200302959: City of Fremantle	47	Of critical concern is the lack of awareness and succinct and concise information on sustainability and the education of the community is critically vital if Western Australia is to achieve a sustainable future. The proposed actions in the education section largely relate to educational institutions and the City of Fremantle expects that this is broaden to include the entire community, government agencies and industry. The proposed actions and targets in this section should be changed to reflect a whole of community based approach to education and awareness for sustainability.	The final Strategy acknowledges the important role that education and community awareness plays for all sectors in the community. This would need to be further addressed in the development of the comprehensive communications strategy described in <i>Education and community awareness for sustainability</i> .
200303065: City of Gosnells	53	The importance of education cannot be under-emphasised. The sustainability message has to compete with thousands of other messages that bombard individuals each day and as such, the principles have to be marketed in a creative and effective way.	Noted.
200301547: City of Cockburn	11	The Proposed Actions...concentrate too narrowly on education initiatives in schools. Education on sustainability needs to be increased within the broader community. These initiatives should have been further developed in the Strategy rather than referral to a yet to be developed "comprehensive communications strategy".	Noted.
200215412: Paul Ritter	19	Thus we recommend an addition to the Draft Report. It is supported by the expenditure of the Minister of Education on a 4 ½ million program to impose behavioural attitudes in schools, which addresses thriving and creative change, not the mere sustainability of a multiply ailing educational nurturing system and attitude of societies, from all nations.	Noted.
	22	Relating feelingly to the Universe, the earth, your local patch, is something that emerges quite spontaneously from the young made aware of their "relating" to the surrounding environment. This much the "sustainability" report includes. But it does not include how the evolution of the growth of the more sensitive, more alive homo sapiens, open to such awareness, is to be evolved, by the organisation of our educational systems. This is more fundamentally important than any of the innovations, which are called part of "sustainability".	Noted.

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200302969: Jack Moore	13	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!	Outside the scope of this report.
200209416: City of Belmont	8	<p>The importance of education and training cannot be overemphasised. The concept of sustainability has been known and discussed for over 30 years yet remains a topic much misunderstood, and in some quarters, much maligned. Central to the problem is the difficulty experienced in clearly defining what sustainability is and how it is done. There is no doubt that it is, among other things:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a very big idea • a new social goal • a new way of understanding how the world works • a new way of doing things that requires a reassessment of old values, and • a new pathway to and of change <p>Most of these things are, to a greater or lesser extent, accepted but are not well understood by the general community. Furthermore, it is not generally appreciated that sustainability cannot be taught. This is, perhaps, because it is a whole of place idea involving partnerships across a broad spectrum. Without ongoing educational programs it is difficult to envisage anything other than moderate success being achieved at a local level.</p>	Noted.
200302856: City of Stirling	39	These actions are generally supported	Noted.
200300368: City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder	51	In order to educate for an awareness of sustainability in any community a partnership needs to develop between the perceived educators and all levels of government. As sustainability is principally of regional concern it is necessary to have the educators and the local government as the primary focus.	This is reflected in the final Strategy through a commitment to partnerships for school and community based programs. See <i>Education and community awareness for sustainability</i> .
200319175: City of Armadale	60	Noted and supported	Noted.

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200300363: Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council	103	The delivery of education and community awareness programs on sustainability is a key issue for Local Government.	Noted.
	104	The EMRC and member Councils, through its involvement in a range of waste management, environmental and regional development initiatives, are keen to work with the State Government and other key stakeholders to address education (Action 5.27) and transport (Actions 5.28 and 5.29) issues. A regional approach allows for better integration of transport networks and the effective delivery of community education programs. The EMRC, in consultation with the member Councils, is in the process of identifying high priority infrastructure projects (mainly transport related) in preparation for a presentation to the State Government seeking support to progress these initiatives in our region.	Noted.
200303088: Australian Association of Planning Consultants (AAPC)	7, par 4	There is a need to arrive at community consensus as to what constitutes sustainable development, in particular as it relates to urban form. In the absence of an agreed public perception of what characteristics constitute sustainable settlement forms or practices, both the industry and community will have little or no common vision and purpose and uncertainty and conflict is inevitable. Develop agreed principles on what constitutes sustainable development in relation to urban form.	Noted.
200303160: Goldfields Esperance Development Commission	Pg. 9	This must be considered the "cornerstone" of any action. A bottom up approach must be achieved for success.	Noted.
200309737: Office for Women	11	The State Sustainability Strategy currently holds a number of opportunities for the inclusion of gender equity principles. They include ensuring that: . the needs and aspirations of young women and girls are taken into account (eg. in school education programs, traineeships)	The final Strategy gives greater consideration to gender issues and sustainability.
200303165: Swan Catchment Council	6, p.2	If the government wants to implement this document it must seriously consider the requirement for substantial resources for an education campaign.	Noted.

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200303312: Department of Conservation and Land Management (CALM)	Page 12, last para	<p><i>The Strategy</i> does not identify some important, relevant and highly successful education programs administered by this Department, which include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ the Departmental Bushranger and work experience program, which increases the opportunity for young people to learn about and gain hands-on experience with conservation issues in Western Australia; ▪ the provision of quality information and interpretation programs, which creates opportunities for improving community awareness and appreciation; ▪ the Departmental volunteer program, which engages people from all backgrounds in the resolution, appreciation and understanding of biodiversity issues; ▪ the Eco-education program in the Department, which reaches tens of thousands of school children each year, and providing them with the opportunity to take part in the Department's activities; and ▪ Landscape and NatureBase, which provide practical information to the community regarding conservation, sustainability, responsible recreation and biodiversity matters. <p>This Department is keen to expand and develop upon the existing community education opportunities it provides. The Sustainability Strategy, in meeting its objectives to conserve biodiversity and promote community education, should identify these important Departmental programs, and provide a means under the Strategy for further development.</p>	Noted.
200302729: Shire of Serpentine- Jarrahdale	1, pg. 18	Environment education and Education for Sustainable Development are different things and in the strategy this needs to be clear. Environmental education can help in education for sustainability.	Noted.
	2, pg. 18	Partnerships are the key to education across all sectors and the current strategy doesn't address how all sectors of the community are going the awareness, education and capacity building they require. If the community is not educated in sustainability all the proposed actions and strategies are not going to achieve much.	Noted.

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200302729: Shire of Serpentine- Jarrahdale	3, pg. 18	Proposed Action: A Comprehensive communications strategy is an excellent initiative that will guide WA towards achieving sustainability.	Noted.
	4, pg. 18	Proposed Action: The proposed actions are very restrictive and mostly relate to school education, all citizens need to be educated for sustainable development and have the capacity built to make change.	Noted.
	5, pg. 18	Proposed Action: WA to review adopting the ARHUS Convention.	This could be considered in the development of the communications strategy.
	6, pg. 18	Action 5.19 develop the environment strategy to link to education for sustainability program and integrate social and economic education.	
	7, pg. 18	Action 5.21 One officer is not enough resources to deal with education throughout the State. One person could not provide information to every school, develop sustainability into the curriculum and work in partnership with all stakeholders in the education sector. There should be a unit established to deal with education for sustainability across the state that addressed school education and also general education and awareness.	Noted.
	8, pg. 18	Action 5.25 There is a proposal for schools to adopt an ecological ethic, why are they not being encourage to adopt a sustainability ethic?	Noted.
200303590: WA Collaboration	Rec. 1	Foster broad dialogue throughout the community on sustainability as part of an innovative communications program The idea of sustainability is not a familiar one for many people throughout Western Australia. Therefore, any 're-orientation towards sustainability' must include an effective and innovative communications program to provide information as well as to broaden the current conception of sustainability to one that reflects the diversity of peoples, perspectives and interests in Western Australia. An innovative communications program, which looks beyond standard communications methods such as pamphlets, websites and written information, would be an important precursor to a genuinely participatory approach to future planning for sustainability.	This could be considered in the development of the communications strategy,

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200303076: WA Sustainable Energy Association (WA SEA)	1, p.10	WA SEA is concerned that with the closure of ACRE, school programs will cease. It is essential that the concept of sustainability be taught within the school curriculum.	Noted.
200300358: F. Schnattler	Sec. 7.3, pg. 4	In 2003, assign a community committee, consisting of 10 individuals, with responsibility for formal education on BEvolution through the Curriculum System, and informal education through Adult Learning Classes.	Noted.
200217800: Michael Bell	47	When new schools are built, retain close bushland/ wetlands for students to study.	The intent within this recommendation is supported through the action in the final Strategy related to moving towards new schools being built according to sustainability principles and continuing to orient schools to an ecological ethic through the Department of Education and Training's Guidelines for Developing School Grounds.

Sustainability through culture and the arts

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200301547: City of Cockburn	12	...talks about the need for new capital infrastructure for arts, the lease of Government properties on peppercorn rates for artists' studios, bringing arts to the community etc. It seems many of the objectives could be achieved by more innovative thinking in the use of existing Government infrastructure. For example, Government schools (the library, hall, gym etc) could be used to hang art work for display after school and / or on weekends with the local community encouraged to view and participate, encouraging the development of a sense of identity and fostering local artistic creativity.	The final Strategy emphasises the further use of schools and museums as community hubs.
200300400: Nancy Victorin-Vangerud	15	In reflecting today about a "sense of place", I believe we can find much inspiration in our community value of coastal living, which honours together both land and sea, landscape and seascape, land rights and sea rights, care of the land and care of the sea. In committing our state to a sustainability strategy, we need to do more than "think like a mountain", to invoke Aldo Leopold's famous vision. We also need to "think like the sea". We need a sea-ethic for sustainable living, and as I would like to explore much further with any of you, a sea-spirituality. Thank you.	Noted.
200300089: Phil Thompson	26	The issue of cultural change is considered very important as the move toward real sustainability involves just that ie. not just a superficial change to the way we think, act etc but a fundamental intrinsic change. This is also why the matter of getting the definition of sustainability right (see 1. above) is so important.	Noted.
200302856: City of Stirling	41	This action is generally supported.	Noted.
200219280: City of Swan	54	This section is heavily weighted towards a 'community arts' perspective and is 'inward' looking (ie it makes almost no effort to discuss opportunities on a national or international level.) It refers once to interstate touring and there is a small paragraph headed Global Opportunities that talks about arts agencies (but not artists) plus the WA Museum forming links with communities in the Indian Ocean region. This is lacking in any vision on a large scale.	The final Strategy gives greater emphasis to the need for an expanded role for culture and the arts in a range of areas.
	55	It is suggested that the discussion needs to be opened up to examine potentials on national and international (and not just local or regional) levels.	Noted.
	56	There might also be scope for engaging with the Education sector and the Media in developing initiatives that might 'embed arts and culture in sustainability' but neither is addressed.	See above.

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200300368: City of Kalgoorlie- Boulder	52	How a community embraces culture and the arts, from all spheres of life will dictate the attitudes of that community.	Noted.
	53	Regional arts programs, either community based or local government based need funding to ensure that they continue and grow especially those based on cultural heritage new products and entrepreneurship.	Noted.
200300363: Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council	105	The State Government has a key role to play in progressing the actions related to culture and the arts (Actions 5.30 to 5.37). The proposed action related to supporting cultural tourism (Action 5.34) is commended by the EMRC, particularly as the region has a strong culture and arts history. The successful implementation of this action will provide much need State Government support for the member Councils and assist in the recognition and protection of heritage, Aboriginal culture and areas of significance in the eastern metropolitan region.	Noted.
200303162: R. Chapple & G. Watson, MLC's	2, p.5	'Storytelling' in the context of regional social sustainability has been overemphasised – there are solid institutional and economic reasons why many regional communities are being drained of population and vitality (fly-in fly-out and 12 hour shifts among them), and developing a 'sense of place' alone will not counteract these forces.	Noted.
200303224: Minister McHale	1	The vision statement in the section on <i>Sustainability Through Culture and the Arts</i> could be better expressed in the final document as <i>Culture and the arts are a source and a catalyst for developing the Western Australian community's sense of identity, place and vision for a sustainable future.</i>	This is reflected in the final Strategy.
	2	The arts should be used as a tool by government in advocating its sustainability agenda to the community and industry.	This is reflected in the final Strategy.
	3	Arts and cultural organizations can play a significant role in assisting communities to define and enhance their sense of place and identity and are a rich source of stories for both regional and metropolitan communities.	This is reflected in the final Strategy.
	4	Indigenous Cultural Centres in Western Australia have the potential to contribute significantly to community and regional identity and tourism but are currently suffering from a significant reduction in support as a result of the recent Federal Government review of ATSIC. This has left many such centres without vital base funding. Sustainability of these centres requires a whole of government response.	Noted.

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200303224: Minister McHale	10	The long-term development of appropriate cultural infrastructure is essential to the sustainability of the State's arts and cultural life. It has the potential to be iconic in nature and can contribute significantly to the built environment adding meaning and identity to urban and regional landscapes. It can have significant implications for tourism and the economy. Development of this infrastructure should be seen as a tourism and economic investment, as well as a social and cultural investment.	Noted.
	11	Suggest re wording of 5.32 Replace "Ensure" with "Recognise"	Noted.
	11	Suggest re wording of 5.33 Replace "Support Indigenous issues in planning..." with the words "Involve Indigenous people directly in planning..."	This has been addressed in the final Strategy.
	11	Suggest re wording of 5.36 Replace the words "Improve the opportunities for children and young people..." with the words "Actively engage children and young people..."	The relevant action has been removed from the final Strategy.
200302729: Shire of Serpentine- Jarrahdale	9, pg. 18	Action 5.34 there needs to clear guidelines and state government agencies that are responsible for dealing with cultural tourism and sustainability.	Noted.

Multiculturalism and sustainability

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200302234: Youth Arts Network of WA	5 6 7 8	<p>In the chapter of Multiculturalism & Sustainability, an objective is stated: "Developing strategies for public sector services to respond to the needs of diverse groups of clients, including newly arrived migrants, refugees, women, seniors and youth". However, there is neither any actions underway, nor any proposed actions to address the development of these strategies for responding to the needs of <i>young people</i>. <i>Recommendations:</i> -"Cultural awareness training across the public sector" to specify and include training re: young people's strengths, needs and issues. -Increased opportunities for the public sector to network and develop partnerships with various government and non-government organisations representing young people (and other multi-cultural groups)</p>	Noted.
200300368: City of Kalgoorlie- Boulder	54	Continued education with the inclusion of culture, arts, religion etc, will encourage communities to be accepting of various cultures.	Noted.
200300359: Bernhard Bischoff	2	<p>The Consultation Draft could say more about why there is the need for a sustainability strategy. It may be painful to reflect honestly on the reasons. But is it not true, that until we understand and admit our mistakes, intentional or not, we may not accept the need to re-evaluate our actions or the need to change our attitudes? While many people will reject a serious talking to, many others might just accept past mistakes and try and develop a new attitude.</p>	Noted.
200303160: Goldfields Esperance Development Commission	Pg. 9	Understanding and appreciating other cultures encourages sustainability.	Noted.
200302729: Shire of Serpentine- Jarrahdale	10, pg. 18	Action 5.38 This needs to be more than a one off seminar, there needs to a series of metropolitan and regional seminars.	Noted.

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200302729: Shire of Serpentine- Jarrahdale	11, pg. 18	Proposed Action: Link multiculturalism strategies to education strategies	The Final Strategy notes the development and implementation of a community education strategy to achieve better understanding of multiculturalism and related concepts.
200303590: WA Collaboration	Rec. 10	Recognise cultural, linguistic and religious diversity All social policy and programs should be approached with acknowledgement and respect for Western Australia's cultural, linguistic and religious diversity. The provision and funding of government services should reflect this approach.	This is supported through the Government's Charter of Multiculturalism.