

SECTION THREE

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APPENDIX ONE

Core objectives of ecologically sustainable development

- Development and management of resources for the benefit of both present and future generations
- Provision for equity within and between generations
- Maintenance of the global ecosystem through acceptance of the interdependence of all its parts and the protection of its biological diversity.

Guiding principles of ecologically sustainable development

- Management, planning and development decisions should be based on an integration of economic, environmental and social considerations
- Avoidance of the risk of serious or irreversible environmental damage should not be postponed because of a lack of full, scientific knowledge (the 'precautionary principle')
- Recognition should be given to the fact that environmental impacts can be felt right around the world and that international competitiveness should therefore be environmentally responsible
- Development of a strong, growing and diversified economy should be such that the capacity to protect the environment is enhanced
- Policy measures should encourage voluntary, cost-effective achievement of environmental goals and responses to environmental problems
- Acknowledgment should be made of the need for community consultation and participation in decision making to achieve a cooperative response to environmental, economic and community issues

Source: National Strategy for Ecologically Sustainable Development 1992

APPENDIX TWO

The Newcastle Declaration

*Endorsed at the International Conference
Pathways to Sustainability:*

Local Initiatives for Cities and Towns

1-5 June 1997

Newcastle Australia



Gathered at Newcastle, Australia on World Environment Day, 5 June 1997 we acknowledge that in the five years since the Rio Earth Summit much has been learnt about implementing the concept of sustainable development. There is growing evidence, however, that the future of all life on Earth is still in peril. There is an urgent need to accelerate and assist action at all levels, particularly locally, if the global sustainable development objectives of Agenda 21 are to be realised.

We, as representatives of the global community and local government acknowledge:

- *That sustainability is a global necessity and that Local Agenda 21 is a fundamental framework for enhancing local and global sustainability.*
- *That based on growing population trends, there is an urgent need for the developed world to drastically reduce our per capita impacts in the short term if we are to achieve global sustainability in the long term.*
- *That actions need to be taken to mitigate the adverse effects on local communities of continued trends toward economic globalisation and free trade.*

We declare our commitment, as local governments and communities, to enhancing global sustainability, by developing processes at the local level based on :

- *Assisting our own and other communities to progress toward local sustainability by sharing and learning from each other.*
- *Ensuring that all sectors, groups and citizens in our local communities, including adults, youth and children are given equal opportunity for active participation and partnership in the process of developing Local Agenda 21 action plans.*
- *Simultaneously achieving economic, social, cultural and ecological goals by integrating them in the design and implementation of all local policies, programs and projects.*
- *Recognising the rights of indigenous peoples and the special contributions which they can make.*
- *Acknowledging the importance of difference and diversity in formulating and implementing Local Agenda 21 plans.*
- *Adopting a strategic and long-term approach to setting priorities and targets in order to achieve community-determined visions and goals.*
- *Establishing realistic short-term action plans with participatory mechanisms for monitoring, feedback, and accountability.*
- *Celebrating the diversity within and between local communities and respecting and learning from minority voices and the aspirations of different cultural groups.*

We call upon all local government around the Earth:

- *To embrace the goal of global sustainability by implementing Local Agenda 21 action plans by the Year 2000 which fulfil the goals of Agenda 21 and the Habitat Agenda.*
- *To monitor and review on an annual basis and report on progress at the Rio + 10 review in 2002.*

To assist us in this process we call upon:

- *The United Nations and national governments to recognise the progress made by local governments and their communities in enhancing the implementation of Agenda 21 and the Habitat Agenda.*
- *National governments to provide a policy framework and the necessary resources to support national Local Agenda 21 programs.*
- *National and international investment and development assistance programs to support Local Agenda 21 action plans and related measures.*
- *All governments to increase their proportion of annual expenditure on demonstration projects which enhance sustainability.*

We affirm the need for international and national local government organisations to:

- *Facilitate the exchange of examples of information on best practice in implementation of Local Agenda 21.*
- *Recognise the importance of research, community education, capacity-building and monitoring in local action for sustainability.*
- *Report on the progress of Local Agenda 21 on behalf of all local governments and communities.*


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