

SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT SYMPOSIUM – DRAFT PROGRAMME 19/8/08

DAY 1 WEDNESDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER

8:00-9:00 REGISTRATION AND COFFEE ON ARRIVAL	
9:00 - 10:30 SESSION 1 – SETTING THE SCENE: SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT IN WA	
Session 1 sets the scene for the Symposium. The evolution of sustainability assessment in Western Australia and around the world will be briefly reviewed leading into a discussion of strategic planning applications of sustainability assessment.	
Setting the Scene Jenny Pope, Integral Sustainability <i>Welcome to the Symposium and overview of sustainability assessment in WA</i>	Strategic sustainability assessment Cilla de Lacy, Water Corporation <i>Strategic Sustainability Assessment: The Water Forever Strategy</i>
Angus Morrison-Saunders, Murdoch University <i>Understanding sustainability assessment: Evolution and conceptual models</i>	Mark Leathersich, Water Corporation <i>Integrating sustainability assessment into infrastructure planning</i>
10:30-11:00 MORNING TEA	
11:00 - 12:30 SESSION 2 – APPROACHES TO PROJECT SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT	
Session 2 focuses on project sustainability assessment, for which Western Australia is internationally recognised. Elements of good practice, and challenges faced, will be discussed in the context of a range of case studies demonstrating different approaches to sustainability assessment.	
Peter Elliott, URS <i>Sustainability assessment of major projects: Challenges and lessons</i>	Ronlyn Duncan, University of Tasmania <i>The challenge of integrated evidence and buried uncertainty in sustainability assessment: The Basslink process</i>
Lisa Crossing, Strategen <i>The South West Yarragadee Water Supply Development</i>	Sanela Pilav-Savic, SKM – W2W Alliance <i>Embedding sustainability into large scale wastewater infrastructure projects</i>
12:30-13:30 LUNCH	
13:30 - 15:00 SESSION 3 – MULTI-CRITERIA DECISION ANALYSIS: A TOOL FOR SA	
Multi-Criteria Decision Analysis (MCDA) techniques are increasingly being applied as a tool for sustainability assessment to facilitate integration and assist in selecting between options – but how do we choose the right technique and ensure we apply it correctly? Session 3 provides an opportunity to ask the experts everything you've ever wanted to know about MCDA!	
John Morrell, Western Power <i>Using MCDA for power transmission infrastructure planning</i>	Panel discussion <i>The effective use of MCDA for sustainability assessment.</i> Panel members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Des Klass • John Morrell • Janine Barrow • Jim Singleton
Des Klass, Curtin University Graduate School of Business <i>Multi-criteria decision analysis: Principles and models</i>	
15:00-15:30 AFTERNOON TEA	
15:30 - 17:00 SESSION 4 – FOCUS ON PEOPLE: SOCIAL IMPACTS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT	
Session 4 explores the human side of sustainability assessment, focusing on social sustainability and community engagement. This is often the most challenging aspects of sustainability assessment, but also arguably the most important. Following two presentations, participants are invited to share their experiences and debate the issues in a roundtable discussion.	
Nicole Hodgson, Murdoch University <i>The WACOSS social sustainability framework</i>	Roundtable discussion <i>Share your views and experiences with community engagement and the social dimensions of sustainability assessment</i>
Sally Paulin, Murdoch University <i>Community engagement and participatory decision-making</i>	
17:00 - 18:30 SYMPOSIUM SUNDOWNER	

DAY 2 THURSDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER

8:00-9:00 COFFEE ON ARRIVAL	
9:00 - 10:30 SESSION 5 – ALTERNATIVE TOOLS AND APPROACHES	
<p>Leading on from the discussion of MCDA techniques in Session 3, Session 5 will present two further (very different) approaches to sustainability assessment. The advantages and disadvantages of different tools will be discussed and compared.</p>	
<p>Nick Houldsworth, WorleyParsons <i>EcoNomics®: Embedding sustainability into project delivery</i></p>	<p>Jim Singleton, GHD <i>Qualitative approaches to sustainability assessment</i></p>
10:30-11:00 MORNING TEA	
11:00 - 12:30 SESSION 6 – FOCUS ON SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT FOR LAND PLANNING	
<p>Session 6 focuses on the application of sustainability assessment to land planning, exploring emerging approaches from different perspectives and considering what Western Australia could learn from other jurisdictions with a longer tradition in this area.</p>	
<i>Session Chair: Caroline Raphael</i>	
<p>Bryce Bunny, DPI <i>A sustainability assessment framework for statutory land planning</i></p>	<p>David Beyer, LandCorp <i>Planning for sustainability: The developer's perspective</i></p>
<p>Janine Barrow, SKM <i>Sustainability appraisal of land use plans in the UK</i></p>	<p>Caroline Raphael, Murdoch University <i>Deliberative sustainability assessment for land planning</i></p>
12:30-13:30 LUNCH	
13:30 - 15:00 SESSION 7 – INTERACTIVE SESSION: OPEN SPACE	
<p>Using the Open Space approach, an emerging and potentially powerful technique for facilitating engagement and deliberation, participants will self-organise into groups to discuss topics of particular interest towards progressing sustainability assessment practice in Western Australia and beyond. This is an opportunity to go deep, drawing on the discussions from the previous sessions and your own views and experiences to focus on topics most relevant to you. It is also a chance to experience Open Space first hand, learn how to convene an Open Space session, and consider the value of this technique to sustainability assessment.</p>	
15:00-15:30 AFTERNOON TEA	
15:30 - 17:00 SESSION 8 – CLOSING PLENARY ROUNDTABLE	
<p>Each Open Space group from Session 7 will feed back to the bigger group the main points of their conversations. Through a facilitated discussion, we will collectively identify the main strengths, weaknesses, threats and opportunities for sustainability assessment practice in Western Australia. We will ask: Are we making a difference? What can we do to continue to progress practice within our own areas? Where to from here? Having laid the foundations over the past two days, Sustainability Assessment Symposium facilitator Jenny Pope will then close proceedings by inviting all to take the next step...</p>	

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