

"If you don't know where you are going,
any road will get you there"
The Mad Hatter to Alice, Alice in Wonderland
(Lewis Carroll)

Registration Information and Call for Papers
March 2010



Sustainability Assessment Symposium 2010 Towards Strategic Assessment for Sustainability 25-26 May, 2010 Esplanade Hotel, Fremantle, Australia

Integral Sustainability invites you to participate in the Sustainability Assessment Symposium 2010, an interactive forum for sustainability assessment practitioners! Reflecting trends in the Western Australian and Australian regulatory environmental impact assessment processes towards strategic assessment **SAS2010: Towards Strategic Assessment for Sustainability** will take stock of recent trends and developments in this rapidly evolving field.

Strategic Assessment and Sustainable Development

Sustainability assessment, as a process for evaluating the sustainability implications of a proposed strategy or action, is increasingly recognised as an important tool for implementing sustainable development.

While much focus has been placed to date on project-level environmental, social, and health impact assessment (ESHIA), there are increasing calls for the application of sustainability assessment at more strategic levels of decision-making, with the aim of delivering long-term environmental, social and economic benefits through development.

SAS2010 will feature Australian and international speakers who will review and compare recent trends and developments in practice. The potential of strategic environmental assessment (SEA), defined as environmental impact assessment (EIA) applied to policies, plans and programmes, as a vehicle for strategic sustainability assessment will be explored.

SAS2010 will also provide a forum for WA practitioners to exchange views and information on local approaches and applications for assessing the sustainability of policies, plans and projects.

We invite you to Fremantle, Western Australia!

SAS2010 builds upon the success of Integral Sustainability's inaugural *Sustainability Assessment Symposium* in 2008, which was attended by over 90 sustainability assessment practitioners representing a range of sectors and industries.

The practice of sustainability assessment continues to evolve in Western Australia, led in many cases by proponents committed to delivering

sustainable outcomes through resource development projects.

At the strategic level, recent experience with the identification and assessment of an LNG precinct to process gas from the Browse Basin, and the integration of environmental, social and economic considerations in this process, provides a rich case study that will be explored through the SAS2010 discussions.

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Sustainability Assessment Symposium 2010

Towards Strategic Assessment for Sustainability

Programme Overview

Day 0 (24 May): Pre-conference training

Two pre-conference training courses (1 day each) will also be offered:

- Course 1: Sustainability assessment principles and practice
- Course 2: Multi-criteria decision analysis (MCDA) for sustainability assessment

Day 1 (25 May): Plenary

A series of presentations by invited international and Australian speakers coupled with panel discussions and participant involvement focusing on:

- International perspectives on sustainability assessment: what it is, why it is important, and how it is being applied?;
- Strategic assessment for sustainability: potential versus practice
- Strategic assessment in Australia: Commonwealth and State perspectives;
- Case study: The Browse LNG Precinct.

SAS2010 Sundowner – the opportunity to network whilst enjoying a Fremantle sunset

Day 2 (26 May): Concurrent streams and interactive session

Three concurrent streams will encourage discussion of the application of sustainability assessment within different sectors in the Australian context and provide an opportunity for participants to present case studies and experiences. Depending upon papers received, concurrent streams may focus on topics such as:

- Governance for strategic sustainability assessment;
- Sustainability assessment for infrastructure planning;
- Local government applications of sustainability assessment;
- Land use planning and sustainability assessment.
- Tools and techniques for sustainability assessment

Break-out streams will be followed by an interactive session bringing together key aspects from the break-out streams to conclude SAS2010.

Call for papers

The organizers invite submissions of papers that address any aspect of sustainability assessment particularly the topics in the Programme Overview..Paper abstracts of not more than 200 words should be sent to **Jenny Pope**, Integral Sustainability (jenny@integral-sustainability.net) by 15th April 2010.

Call for sponsors

Opportunity still exists to sponsor SAS2010. Please contact **Jenny Pope**, Integral Sustainability (jenny@integral-sustainability.net) for a sponsorship package and how it will benefit both SAS2010 and your organisation.

Registration

Registration is now open! Registration fees for the 2-day Symposium are:

- \$660 Earlybird registration (before 23 April)
- \$770 Full registration (after 23 April)
- \$440 Day registration (either 25 May or 26 May)
- \$440 Training course 1 or 2 (24 May)

Registration includes entry to the Symposium Sundowner, Tuesday 25 May 5:00-6:30pm at Maria's on the Terrace, South Terrace, Fremantle (drinks and finger food provided).

To register, go to our website www.integral-sustainability.net and click on the registration button on the sidebar. Registration services are provided by the Symposium Secretariat, EECW Pty Ltd.

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