



Department
of Sport and
Recreation

positionstatement

Sustainability

The State Government, through the Department of Sport and Recreation, has an expectation that sport and recreation service providers will familiarise themselves with the principles of the State Sustainability Strategy and factor in required responses in future strategic and business planning deliberations.

Background

The State Government finalised the *State Sustainability Strategy* in 2003 to meet the needs of current and future generations through integration of environmental protection, social advancement and economic prosperity. The document provides a broad policy framework that requires disciplines and portfolios to interpret practical relevance and the application of the framework in their own context.

Sustainability principles apply directly to the sport and recreation marketplace in all three areas:

- Social sustainability - includes contribution to social capital development, e.g. volunteer management and contribution to social cohesion;
- Economic sustainability - includes elements of organisational and financial sustainability; and
- Environmental sustainability - includes responsiveness to water conservation, energy efficiency and waste minimisation, and ecological footprinting¹.

Definitions

Sustainability is meeting the needs of current and future generations through integration of environmental protection, social advancement and economic prosperity.

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Resources

Funding incentive programs to encourage expedited take-up of more sustainable business solutions, especially in relation to energy efficiency: <http://www1.sedo.energy.wa.gov.au/>.

Government of Western Australia. (2003). *Hope for the future: The Western Australian state sustainability strategy*. Perth, Western Australia: Department of the Premier and Cabinet.

¹ The ecological footprint of an individual, a city, a country, or humanity is a measure of how much productive land and water they require to produce all the resources they consume and to absorb all the waste they generate, using prevailing technology.